Z BROADBURY

WORLD SOCCER

JUNE 1978

The *INTERNATIONAL* Magazine

45p

WORLD CUP SPECIAL

BRAZIL

Back row left to right: Ze Maria, Leao, Luis Pereira, Cerezzo, Amaral, Rodrigues Neto, (trainer). Front: Gil, Paulo Isidoro, Reinaldo, Rivelino, Paulo Cesar.

RAINER BONHOF Bor. Munchengladbach

CRUYFF BOWS OUT

JOHANN CRUYFF, one of the most outstanding footballers of the past few years, played his last competitive game on Sunday, May 7, leading Barcelona to a 1-0 win over Valencia on the last day of the Spanish league programme.

A capacity 90,000 crowd packed Barcelona's Nou Camp to see their beloved Dutch captain bow out and gave him a five-minute standing ovation.

In his 238th game since his £922,000 transfer from Ajax five years ago Cruyff couldn't find a goal for himself, but he did lay on the winner for Barcelona's new Brazilian forward, Bio.

Departure

His departure finds Barcelona runners-up in the league and Cup-winners, and after the emotional atmosphere surrounding his farewell has faded it will be possible to study more dispassionately the career of Johan Cruyff and his contribution to football.

His career has not been without controversy — particularly the 1974 World Cup Final defeat, and the 24 bookings and several expulsions which he earned for opening his mouth too often at the wrong time and in the wrong places, and to the wrong people — referees!

King Juan Carlos of Spain presents the King's Football Cup to Johan Cruyff after Barcelona had beaten Las Palmas 3-1.

"I have had a good career and now, while I'm at the top, is the best time for me to end it," he said. "Of course it's a sad day for me. But I always planned to retire while I was in good form. And this game is definitely my last. I'm not playing in America, Argentina, or anywhere else."

Cruyff retires to a Barcelona office suite to take personal care of the multi-million-pound business investments which football brought him.

World Soccer and the World Cup

THE countdown is almost complete . . . the World Cup is here. This month WORLD SOCCER presents a special preview to the finals which start in Argentina on June 1 when West Germany (the holders) meet Poland in Buenos Aires.

On pages 4 and 5 Dutch captain Rudi Krol sends a special message through the pages of World Soccer. Eric Batty previews the competition on pages 8 and 9. WORLD SOCCER'S own countdown, a day-by-day lead up to the finals, starts on page 12.

We have a report from Eric Weil, our man in Buenos Aires, on pages 20 and 21. The World Cup 40s – each country's official squad – are listed on pages 26 and 27.

Brian Glanville asks whether the finals will be brutal on page 7. Special correspondents Andre Duclos, Arthur Rotmil and Leslie Vernon look at France, West Germany and Hungary respectively.

Next month WORLD SOCCER will be published a little later than usual to allow us to bring you the latest from Argentina, including a report of the final itself.

Brian Glanville, one of the world's most respected and influential writers, will be with the WORLD SOCCER team in Argentina. Keir Radnedge will be covering matches in all the various centres and providing a World Cup diary. He will be joined by Derick Allsop. Eric Batty, never less than controversial, will provide his own brand of writing on the finals. And Eric Weil, WORLD SOCCER's Chief South American Correspondent is based in Buenos Aires throughout the year and knows the local scene better than anyone.

This team will be supplemented by Peter Robinson, whose photographs have earned international acclaim.

But while devoting most of our attention to the World Cup we will not foresake other events.

This month we have reports on the European Cup Final (page 6) and the Cup Winners Cup and UEFA Cup Finals (pages 40 and 41). Leslie Vernon reviews the English season in his own inimitable style.

If it's international football you are interested in then stay with WORLD SOCCER. Place a regular order now!

WORLD SOCCER

79 TEMPLE CHAMBERS
LONDON EC4Y 0EX
Telephone: 01-353 5688

Editor: PHILIP RISING

JUNE
VOL. 18 NO. 6

World Cup favourites Brazil are featured on the front cover this month.

"I WANT TO CALL ON ALL THE PLAYERS IN THE WORLD CUP FINALS TO SHOW THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WATCHING ON TELEVISION ROUND THE WORLD AND THOSE IN ARGENTINA — HOW THE GAME OF FOOTBALL SHOULD BE PLAYED."

HOLLAND LOOK TO REPLACE CRUYFF...

THAT is the message Rudi Krol is sending out through the pages of World Soccer as he prepares to captain Holland in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.

And who better than the captain of Holland, standard bearers of the best soccer can offer, to make that appeal to all his fellow professionals?

That's why it seemed appropriate to me to talk to Krol, catch him in a rare moment's relaxation after he had watched the one leg of the UEFA Cup Final, sitting at his home in Amsterdam in front of the television.

Krol, suave, talented captain of Ajax, was born on March 24, 1949, which makes him 29. As sweeper he could still be playing for Holland in Spain in 1982, but he's not willing to bet on it!

His record is impeccable. Only once booked, never sent off, with more than 50 appearances for Holland to his credit, Krol was the only man to play in all their qualifying and finals games leading up to that dramatic surprise 2-1 defeat by West Germany in Munich four years ago.

Then he was left back; the position he had made his own in Ajax's three years dominating European club soccer. Now it is as sweeper that he guides his team, and in the absence of Johan Cruyff his influence will be all the more vital for the 1974 runners-up.

The retirement of Cruyff, Krol's predecessor as Ajax captain, was the obvious starting point for our talk — though I did apologise for asking the same boring old question every non-Dutch journalist has been putting to Krol in the past few months.

How did he expect Holland to get on in Argentina without King Johan?

"Well, it's a shame of course that he's not going to be with us — particularly after all we achieved in Germany in 1974. Obviously, winning the World Cup isn't easy at the best of times, and without him we're going to find our task even harder. We will have to try to find another system, another type of tactic."

Dutch captain Rudi Krol.

Did that really mean that Holland will surprise everyone with a completely new style in Argentina, something to supersede total football?

"No, I don't think any country will be able to do that this time. There will be nothing very new. All the teams will play the same way, with a 4-4-2 system. But perhaps we'll be able to find something which will help us make up for Cruyff's absence."

One man doesn't make a team, goes the old saying, but in the case of men of exceptional and rare ability — Di Stefano in his era, then Cruyff — the adage looks far from correct. Brazil did win the 1962 World Cup despite losing the injured Pele early on, but in Garrincha, Didi and several others they had more than enough world-class players to take good care of their rivals.

Holland's situation now is vastly different. In Johan Neeskens and Rob Rensenbrink as well as Krol himself they have world-class players, but Brazil's good fortune in 1962 was to have in reserve a young star such as Amarildo. Holland, following the international disinterest of several other players, don't appear to have the strength in depth they would need to repeat their startling success of 1974.

Goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren and PSV Eindhoven colleague Willy Van der Kuylen pulled out of the squad some time ago, as did Ruud Geels, the Ajax centre forward who has proved a prolific scorer and is now heading to join the Dutch colony in Belgium with Anderlecht. Geels, perhaps, might have been Holland's Amarildo.

That was what worries Krol the most.

"Van Beveren is a good goalkeeper, but I think we're lucky in Holland in that we always have a lot of good goalkeepers. We also have a lot of good midfield players. But we can't help but miss Cruyff and Geels. They are both centre forwards, and that is always the problem position for any team."

by Derick Allsop

IRAN took little comfort from the first half of their extensive World Cup warm-up programme.

They followed up the goalless draw against Yugoslavia with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Wales and then a 1-1 draw against Bulgaria.

No victory and only one goal from three Teheran matches left the squad's confidence severely bruised and the fans' high hopes grounded.

When Iran qualified for Argentina optimism gripped the country, and as spring arrived they embarked upon an elaborate and ambitious schedule to prepare for their finest hour.

But those three matches shook the dreamers back to reality and confirmed the suspicions of the more cautious. Iran, neat and well organised, are still likely to be difficult opposition, but their lack of power and finishing ability may well betray them.

Against Yugoslavia they had a weakened side but still dominated most of the play and were rarely in difficulty at the back. Their problems, however, came in attack, where they failed to find the venom to give themselves morale-boosting goals.

Iran were all the more disappointed because it was generally accepted that Yugoslavia offered well below 100% effort. They cruised through the match, presenting only a token challenge. That, at least, wasn't the case when Wales went to Aryamehr Stadium.

Iran hoped the Welsh would give them an indication of the quality and style Scotland would confront them with in Argentina, and Mike Smith's side obliged.

Wales played with commitment and skill, and ultimately they broke down the Iranians. Power and pace are two forces Iran admit they fear and the Welsh employed both with telling effect.

Scotland will doubtless play much the

RUDI KROL in an exclusive interview with World Soccer's KEIR RADNEDGE

A year or two ago it seemed Holland were producing a crop of young players who would force their way into the national team in time for Argentina. But despite the openings manager Ernst Happel has provided for the likes of Nanninga, Van Leuven and Wildschut, no-one looks capable of exploding on the World Cup — at least, not from Holland.

Krol agreed.

"I don't think we have any young players who are going to come from nowhere. But it's hard to be certain, because we play four games before the finals, so who can say what our team will be for the first game? For instance, Neeskens has been injured and that could mean experiments and changes in midfield.

"This, and attack, are the most important sections of the team which could change because I don't think defence is any problem — even if I say so myself! We're pretty settled at the back."

A lot of outsiders still think that the Dutch will match the high standards they set in 1974 — but Krol isn't among them.

"I don't think there's much chance of our playing as well as in 1974, I'm sorry to say. You must remember that at that time we were just starting to make a reputation as a national team and, despite Ajax's success, no-one really knew what to expect.

"It's different now. Everyone knows how we play, so they can plan much more carefully on ways to stop us.

"Being a realist I don't think we can expect to do as well as in 1974. Of course my big ambition as a player is to win the World Cup — but it's the same for every other World Cup captain. The main thing is to get through to the second round, then just keep going as best we can and see what happens."

Matched in group four with Scotland, Peru and Iran no-one doubts that Holland will progress to the second stage. And that's when the going will become really tough — though Krol is under no illusions about the problems Scotland will cause in the first round.

"Scotland are a good team and I think they can do very well in the World Cup. They are strong and they work hard. I get the impression that they have the sort of players now who will win together, or lose together.

"And in the World Cup finals that sort of team spirit is so important. Just because you lose one game doesn't mean you are out of the tournament . . ."

West Germany proved that in 1974, being beaten in the first round by East Germany; they also proved the same point in 1954, going down to the Hungarians in their group before taking remarkable revenge in the final in Berne.

For Krol, Scotland and France are the most dangerous outsiders. But he has respect above all for Brazil and West Germany.

Talking to Krol some time ago, when I asked him — leaving aside Holland — who he thought would win the World Cup, he was undecided between Brazil or Argentina. But when I asked him this time, so much nearer the finals, he didn't stop to think about the answer — "Brazil".

That put him in company with a lot of people, of course. Brazil are favourites with fans and bookmakers as well as many people right in the know. Krol's defensive colleague Wim Suurbier tips Brazil, so has Sweden manager Georg Ericsson.

Ericsson looked to Brazil because of their diligent preparation. Why did Krol fancy them?

Equipped

"Because they can vary their style of play so much. In Argentina it will be necessary to master that side of the game because of the very different kind of teams, players and tactics we will all come up against. I think the Brazilians are the best equipped."

I pointed out to Krol that at Wembley recently the Brazilians hadn't looked particularly well-equipped in defence.

"I saw the West Germany-Brazil on television, but not the England game. I understand that the Brazilians played very hard, but I don't think they will want to be so tough in the finals because they know that the European teams will be quite prepared to play it tough as well if they have to.

"But they still have such a good team. Zico is a player who impresses me very much."

But what about the West Germans, the world champions who have struggled so much lately to scrape victories over England and Russia and then gone down in quick succession to Brazil and Sweden?

"You must remember that the Germans don't play so well in friendlies. They're always the same. But you must never underrate them, because when it comes to the World Cup games everything changes. A lot of their players have had other things on their minds."

Little comfort for Iran

same way in Cordoba and Smith believes they should have too much for the Iranians.

Smith said: "Scotland will beat them in Argentina because they'll get behind their defence, just as we did in Teheran.

"If the Scots get an early goal they could win comfortably. The Iranians have some very good players. They are better attacking than defending, but they tend to lose heart when things aren't going well."

Most of the Welsh danger came from the flanks, especially the left, where Wrexham's Micky Thomas gave Nazari an uncomfortable afternoon.

The Iranians started well and subjected Wales to considerable pressure. Goalkeeper Dai Davies made a fine save from Ghassempour and held on to a fierce, swerving free-kick from Adelkhani at the second attempt.

But Wales emerged from the storm unscathed and midway through the first half their strength and aggression began to turn the game their way.

After 25 minutes Thomas went wide on the left and centred for new cap Phil Dwyer to head in, only to be denied the goal because of a foul.

Dwyer did eventually give Wales the lead in the 71st minute, and again Thomas was the instigator. He shrugged off a challenge from Parvin, went round Nazari and cut into the penalty area.

His run caused so much confusion in the defence that an Iranian boot unwittingly set up an easy chance gleefully taken by the 24-year-old Cardiff player.

Disgruntled Iranian fans chanted for Roshan and 16 minutes from the end he was called from the substitutes' bench for his first action since a cartilage injury put him out last autumn.

Led by Roshan Iran produced a spirited final flurry, but even he couldn't find that elusive goal. Davies again responded brilliantly and Wales held out.

Roshan's return to fitness and form will be essential for Iran to achieve any distinction in Argentina. He is a forward who could trouble and score goals against the best defences.

The release of Parvis Gheleechkhani by North American club San Jose Earthquakes will also be vital. Iran, clearly, are in need of the inspiration he can give them.

Keir Radnedge reports... European Cup Final... Wembley

WITH stereophonic choruses of 'You'll never walk alone' cascading down opposite ends of the Wembley terracing Liverpool joined the elite of Real Madrid, Benfica, Inter, Ajax and Bayern — clubs who have all successfully retained the Champions' Cup. Having said that — and full marks to Liverpool for the achievement — let's also be honest and say this was one of the poorest of European Cup Finals.

WELL DONE LIVERPOOL

It's easy to blame it all on Brugge. To say that because they were a class below Liverpool, and had that inferiority compounded by injuries, they could bring a little to the game but defensive tenacity aided by good fortune.

Liverpool, presented with the initiative, made remarkable heavy weather of taking Europe's most prestigious club trophy back to Anfield. Somewhat in the form of English FA Cup Final a few days earlier, when Ipswich beat Arsenal, the losers could be said to have "been massacred 1-0," with all the contradictions that implies.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley praised Brugge afterwards as "a team who were well organised and defended well." That was the diplomatic opening to his post-match Press conference. But towards the end of it he also let slip possibly the more accurate verdict that "Brugge were playing for the penalty contest."

The odd result of this game could be that Brugge will become world champions! Paisley made it clear that Liverpool's heavy commitments at home and in Europe preclude their taking time out to face the champions of South America — though they would play Anderlecht for the European Super-Cup.

Brugge boss Ernst Happel, however, said that if Liverpool didn't want to go to South America, the Belgians would be prepared to do so, if the financial terms were right.

Happel had earlier sprung possibly the biggest team selection surprise in 22 years of Champions' Cup finals, naming 31-year-old Hungarian Lajos Ku in midfield. A relatively new signing, Ku had played only once previously for Brugge, in their Belgian Cup defeat by Charleroi the previous weekend.

"We know that English teams work hard for the full 90 minutes, so we needed a man who was technically superior," explained Happel afterwards. But the ex-Vasas and Ferencvaros forward, despite having Brugge's only first-half chance — a header over the bar — was substituted after an hour.

Both teams had problems beforehand, though Liverpool's were easier to resolve. Tommy Smith, last year's hero, broke a toe 10 days before the game after a collission with a pickaxe at his home; then Steve Heighway missed Liverpool's five games up to the final because of a rib injury.

In Smith's place Paisley named Alan Hansen — and it could have proved costly. Though Hansen didn't play badly, it was his ill-judged back pass 10 minutes from time which let in Jan Soerensen. His shot rebounded off Ray Clemence's legs and when Jan Simoen shot for goal for what should have been the equaliser, Phil Thompson cleared off the line.

For Heighway Paisley decided to retain David Fairclough, the 'super-sub' who had scored four goals in the five games Heighway had missed. Yet though Fairclough's enthusiasm and pace troubled Brugge throughout the first half and justified Paisley's confidence, it was ironically after Heighway had appeared as substitute that the match-winning goal arrived.

It was in the 64th minute that the Eire international replaced the sporadic but flagging Jimmy Case. One minute more and Terry McDermott took the the ball to the right-wing by-line, his low centre was deflected out to Graeme Souness, who looked for the shot but instead saw the ball squeezed away to Kenny Dalglish.

Kevin Keegan's outstanding £440,000 replacement did the rest and for once Birger Jensen was beaten.

Jensen was yet another goalkeeper who arrived to a chorus of derision from the British Press but proved with safe handling, snappy reflexes and intelligent clearance work, that there's not much to beat him on a big occasion.

For me Liverpool's best player was Souness. His £300,000-plus transfer from Middlesbrough this spring was controversial because Souness was supposed to be a moody player, too languid to fit into Liverpool's all-action style.

In fact Liverpool, particularly in European games, like to organise the tempo at a steadier pace and their most delicate and classical moments were provided by Souness's deft passing. It was an interesting reflection of the painstaking and constant redevelopement of this Liverpool side that it was two new men who had the final touches to the only goal.

Happel commented afterwards that "this Liverpool were only a shadow of the team who beat us in the UEFA Cup Final two years ago."

Emlyn Hughes replied: "So what does that do for them?"

Liverpool 1 (Dalglish 65)
Brugge 0

Wembley stadium — Att. 92,000. Receipts £420,000.
HT: 0-0 **Referee** Charles Corver (Holland)
Bookings: Case (fouling Maes 31); Vandereycken (fouling Case 35)

Liverpool: Clemence — Neal, Thompson, Hansen, Hughes (capt) — McDermott, Kennedy, Souness — Case (Heighway 64), Fairclough, Dalglish. Subs not used: Ogrizovic, Callaghan, Jones, Irwin.

Brugge: Jensen — Bastijns (capt), Krieger, Leekens, Maes (Volders 71) — Cools, Decubber, Vandereycken, Ku (Sanders 60) — Simoen, Soerensen. Subs not used: Barth, Verheecke.

PAST WINNERS

1956-60:	Real Madrid
1961-2 :	Benfica
1963 :	Milan
1964-5 :	Internazionale
1966 :	Real Madrid
1967 :	Celtic
1968 :	Manchester United
1969 :	Milan
1970 :	Feyenoord
1971-3	Ajax Amsterdam
1974-6 :	Bayern Munich
1977 :	Liverpool

Jimmy Case (left) of Liverpool evades a Brugges player during the European Cup Final.

Kenny Dalglish, the man who scored Liverpool's goal at Wembley, cradles the European Cup.

Brian Glanville asks will it be A BRUTAL WORLD CUP?

THE auguries, I fear, are very bad. This could well be the nastiest World Cup we have ever known; and one of the poorest in quality. The threat from the Montaneros guerillas is real enough, and one can only pray that it is not made manifest. Less sanguinary, but hardly reassuring, is the lurking fear that the Argentinian team will play a rough, minatory game, unchecked by weak referees, intimidated by the violent Buenos Aires crowds.

But now, we have seen the deplorable Brazilians, and a further, alarming factor has been brought into the equation. The tactics of the Brazilian team in Hamburg, and above all at Wembley, in April were lamentable to a degree. Nor were they in any way fortuitous. In training outside Rio, Claudio Coutinho is known to have impressed on his players the importance, nay the value, of the "tactical" professional foul, which he apparently admired when practised by the Dutch in 1974. Rob Hughes, my colleague on the *Sunday Times*, tells me that when he attended Brazil's training, defenders who allowed an opponent to go past them were upbraided.

The consequence of this was seen at Wembley. "Coutinho wanted them to break the rhythm, not break legs," a leading Brazilian journalist told me: but where do you draw the line? Open the door of minor immorality, and major transgressions can follow. It is not as if the whole tradition of Brazilian football is one of sweetness, light and coruscating technique. In the 1938 World Cup, there was the Battle of Bordeaux, against the unfortunate Czechs, in which the Brazilians broke the leg of the famous Nejedly ("pure as Bohemian crystal," a French journalist called him, and like crystal, the poor fellow's leg was shattered.)

In 1954, there was the Battle of Berne, when the Brazilians had two players sent off, to Hungary's one, and afterwards attacked them in the dressing-room. A couple of years later, there was a famous brawl, and infinity of expulsions, in a match between Brazil and Argentina, in Rio. Heaven help us if they meet again in Buenos Aires.

Perhaps the most ominous feature of that nasty affair at Wembley, however, was not the cynical ruthlessness of the Brazilians, the thuggery of Edinho—a shocking offender—Ze Maria, Cerezo and the rest, but the vapid passivity of the Dutch referee. Afterwards Mr. Charles Corver explained his reluctance to send players off, after they had previously been shown the yellow card, on the fatuous grounds that it would have spoiled the game.

What was there, in the name of logic, left to spoil? It is rather as though a policeman were to say that he did not arrest muggers at the Notting Hill Carnival, because everyone seemed to be having such a good time.

Well, the English forwards were not having a good time. It was quite plain from the early minutes, when Edinho committed a horrible foul on Brian Greenhoff, trying to run round him after lobbing the ball over his head, how the visitors intended to play.

That it was not a "competitive" game (how competitive can you be?) was no excuse for Mr. Corver ineptly shirking his duty. The rules of football do not change, according to the nature of each match. Nor do the shins, knees and general well being of a thug's victim become magically safeguarded because the contest concerned is a "friendly".

As things stand, there is every danger that the Brazilians will try to kick their way to safety and success in Vina del Mar. Their opening game, against the Swedes, no longer looks the canter that it did when the draw was made. Sweden's 3-1 win over a bewildered West German team in Stockholm, obtained without the participation of Edstroem, Nordqvist and Linderoth, was a warning indeed. The Swedes may well become the Poles of this tournament; indeed, I remember seeing Poland obtain a very narrow, lucky, undeserved victory at Stuttgart, in 1974. Larsson had a superb game in midfield against the Germans, who seem less likely than ever to retain their title.

Brazil players in training before their match against England.

But let us, albeit reluctantly, return to the subject of Brazil. Their resort to violence probably reflects — as indeed it did in 1974 — their lack of truly talented players; particularly up front. In 1974, they had no real centre-forward, and had to make do there with Jairzinho. Now, they are reduced to fielding a mere two strikers, neither of whom is of traditionally Brazilian quality.

All the harder for the likes of Gil and Nunes (Reinaldo's knee trouble and political controversies seem to rule him out of contention) to carry so heavy a burden in attack; a burden which, after all, was carried by four men in the 1958 team, by three in 1962 and 1970.

Against England, one expected Brazil to dominate in midfield, where they had four men, and England only two. But they didn't partly because Dirceu was so pallidly unenterprising, partly because, not trusting Abel, they used the dashing Cerezo largely to mark Bob Latchford.

Sweden, Austria and Spain are all capable of extending them, in Mar del Plata. As for Argentina, I still think it will be enormously hard for anyone to beat them. In their run up to the World Cup, they have obtained a string of useful, morale increasing, victories against feeble foes; the likes of Peru, Bulgaria, Rumania. As Enrique Sivori, once their inside-left, later their successful manager, pointed out, they are unlikely to be given such room and chance by the World Cup teams. Still, the return to Argentina of Mario Kempes, likely to be used as an attacking, left sided, midfielder, will give extra power; even if it will be hard on the slight and gifted Daniel Valencia of Talleres thus to lose his place.

Try as I may, I cannot see a really impressive team in the tournament. This being so, the Scots should certainly have a chance; if their volatile players can, as the saying goes, "keep the heid," and if the exuberant, sympathetic Ally MacLeod can confound his critics, making light of his experience. Peru, to be met in the first match, are perhaps the litmus paper.

They are an elderly team, lucky to be in the competition at all, uncertain of their tactics, pitifully lacking in their two recent games with Argentina. A Scotland remotely in form, and capable of keeping their tempers in the face of provocation, should take them apart, in the opening match in Cordoba. That done, the second round beckons; for not till the last game must the powerful, Cruyff-less (one assumes) Holland be met.

West Germany, having — let us be euphemistic — diplomatically manipulated the draw, will surely saunter through to the final round, whatever may happen when they open the ball against Poland, but with no Beckenbaur to sweep, no Grabowski or Overath to spark the midfield, what can be hoped, ultimately, from them?

Nor have I much faith in the Italians, who themselves severely lack a sweeper, and cannot be sure that the dazzlingly gifted Juventus pair, Causio and Bettega, will come good when it is needed, so very, very far from home.

A World Cup, then, of mediocrity and violence, unchecked by terrified referees? It could, alas, happen, for how do you give backbone to a coward, talent to a mere pedestrian?

ARGENTINA TO
FINAL BUT WHO

RECENT events have turned the World Cup formbook upside down for at the turn of the year I felt that the Europeans really had a good chance in Argentina, and that the best of the Europeans were West Germany. But West Germany were both disappointing and a little fortunate to beat England 2-1 on their own midden. Then came two consecutive defeats, 0-1 to Brazil in Hamburg and 1-3 away to Sweden. True it was only 1-1 at halftime when Sepp Maier was replaced in goal, but in my philosophy, if you concede a goal, the only answer is to get down to the other end and get two back. This the Germans failed to do.

Two consecutive defeats is something that Herr Schön has never known, indeed one has to go back to 1964 when the Germans lost 0-2 away to Algeria, followed by a 3-4 reverse against Czechoslovakia in Ludwigshafen. But that was back in the time of the late, and revered Sepp Herberger.

Schön's problems revolve around a real shortage of goalscorers for they rely far too much on centre forward Klaus Fischer, who played in Stockholm, and midfield general Rainer Bonhof, who significantly gave his side the lead against Sweden.

True Brazil gave the Germans the stick, just as they did against England at Wembley but there was nothing like that at the Rasunda Stadium. As I see it, two wingers have dominated Schön's thinking on the game, but his present pair Abramczyk and Rummenigge do not get inside enough, looking for goals themselves.

According to the grapevine, Herr Schön promised the Koln spearhead Dieter Muller, second highest scorer in the *Bundesliga*, a game before the World Cup. True or not, Muller never got his game while Bonhof got a knock in Sweden that appears likely to keep him inactive for a month.

Add it all up, and remember that in December a very ordinary Welsh team earned a 1-1 draw in Stuttgart, and that not long ago Schön was regarding 20-year-old Hans Muller (a midfield player this one), as a promising player for 1982 but brought him on against Sweden, and it is clear he has problems.

Preview by ERIC BATTY

Schön will be very busy in the national team's training camp at Malente, but it now appears he has too much to do and the sands have run out on him. This sudden reversal of form after an extremely successful South American tour last summer in which Fischer was in rare form, shows just how quickly things can change in the international arena.

Underlining this even further, Italy have also gone right off the boil after looking very good two years ago, around the time they beat England in Rome. But since then Bettega has been out of touch and with several players on the old side, Enzo Bearzot knows that he too must create a new side if they are not to flop against France, Hungary and Argentina.

According to precedent in recent competitions the Italians flop then do well, and after failing four years ago when ousted by Poland and Argentina they were due to find at least some degree of success this time.

Since the Wembley defeat, when the new England not only won but made a real mess of Bearzot's team and battle plans, he has used every opportunity to bring in new faces. But the World Cup winners require a nice blend of youth with talent and old heads, and it now looks doubtful if Bearzot can produce the right combination.

With two of the stronger looking sides falling by the wayside it is a tragedy for England that they did not qualify, for Peru are nothing and neither Brazil nor Argentina have done anything convincing. It all pointed to an edge for the best Europeans and with Ron Greenwood bringing in two young wingers and thinking creatively rather than worrying about defence, England must be one of Europe's better sides at the moment.

Without having seen the 'new' Sweden it would appear they have improved a lot since they qualified with the help of Switzerland who obligingly beat Norway for them to see Georg Eriesson and his squad through.

Sweden's 1-0 away win over East Germany caused me to raise one eyebrow for the East German's had been unbeaten at home for four years. However, they failed against a very ordinary Austria in the World Cup, only managing two draws and it appears to me that their boss Georg Buschner has gone too far in the direction of hard men, without compensating with players of real skill.

Similarly Sweden's win over West Germany is unconvincing for knowing that Helmut Schön has problems and that an own goal put them back in the game when they were down does nothing to convince.

Sweden were without midfield star Anders Linderoth who was not released by his French club Marseille and two goal hero Lennart Larsson has clearly benefited from professional training since joining Schalke 04. But the Swedes still lack a first class marksman in attack. Playing with the accent on defence, as they did in 1974, they will only go into the category of 'difficult to beat'.

Spain will also be difficult to beat, but not as strong as they would have been had Real Madrid left back Camacho recovered from his operation in time. Unfortunately for Ladislav Kubala, he did not, and there is also a fitness doubt about Pirri. He plays à la Beckenbauer for club and country and means a great deal to his side that is physically stronger than Sweden but with a doubt too about young right winger Juanito, and being very short of first class reserves I cannot see Spain as Europe's top team.

Kenny Burns of Nottingham Forest receives the Football Writers' "Footballer of the Year" trophy from bearded Glaswegian comedian Billy Connolly.

REACH ELSE?

1978 World Cup

France are also much improved but it would be dangerous to read too much into their 1-0 win over Brazil. Michel Hidalgo has done a good job getting his squad this far, and he proved against Brazil when several front line players were unfit, that he has a squad and not just a team. But apart from a strong defence and Michel Platini who gets goals from midfield, and is specially dangerous with his 'bent' free kicks close to goal, there is no regular scorer amongst the strikers.

A sound defence, at least one or two regular goalgetters and men who come from behind, from the back four and midfield who get goals sometimes is the formula for World success, and France fall down up front. They too will only be difficult to beat.

Hungary looked as if they might be a very different proposition, for in the form they showed in qualifying games, only their defence is suspect — and that only against the physical teams are good upstairs.

They were disappointing in their general performance when they could only beat Czechoslovakia recently 2-1 in Budapest's Nep Stadion, but one can understand as Lajos Baroti said, that playing regularly every mid-week in order to clear the league programme in time has put his men under severe pressure and taken the edge off their form.

Baroti has reserves that look almost as good as the first choices, indeed, in several positions it is a bit dicey about who is first choice. And their experience of playing three games a week will stand them in good stead if they go very far in Argentina.

But it still has to be proved to me that the present Hungarian squad is not as brittle as many of its predecessors. They have had good sides in the past that have crumbled against the purely physical teams.

Ron Greenwood was right when he said in an FA Cup Final preview that a good side needs players that can work as well as players who can play. Or as the Hungarians put it, you need two or three men who can carry a grand piano, but you also must have a few who can play it!

We shall know more about Hungary's potential after their game against England at Wembley. If they do not chicken there, show their skills and combined play and get a draw against England then I will veer to the view that they could go all the way to the final. But with all deference to Mr. Baroti, I have my doubts.

Holland will probably play some neat football, but they have doubts in goal and in their ability to get goals with PSV 'keeper Jan Van Beveren and the two top league scorers Ruud Geels and Kees Kist declining to make the trip.

Getting the ball in the onion bag at that end, and keeping them out at your end is the tricky bit in football, and if I have the greatest respect for Manager Ernst Happell, he cannot make bricks without straw no more than any other manager can.

If a European team is going to co well I am now inclined to the view that could be either Scotland or Poland.

Summing up, with a few days still to go to the big kick off I now fancy Argentina to go all the way to the final with favourites Brazil and West Germany failing to impress.

If the Hungarians get a draw and play well at Wembley I will favour them to qualify from Group I with Argentina. If the Magyars fail at Wembley I would opt for France.

In Group II it is still Poland and West Germany (note the order) and I would not be surprised if the Poles took a draw at least from the opening game. From Group III I stick by Brazil and Spain and from Group IV it must be Holland and Scotland.

After that, I cannot fancy anyone to go all the way with Argentina unless it be Poland or Scotland, though if Claudio Coutinho brought back Roberto that might make all the difference.

Sweden celebrate their second goal against West Germany in Stockholm.

From Andre Duclos

HIGH HOPES FOR FRANCE

Bathenay of France.

NOT since 1958 has a French team stood such a good chance in a World Cup; though then, be it remembered, no one gave France a hope. Instead, w took third place and were morally a good second, pressing the Brazilians in the semi-final much harder than did the Swedes in the Final, even if the 5-2 score was the same. Till our cool centre-half Bob Jonquet was put out of the game in Stockholm by Vava, we were giving the Brazilians as good as the got.

Football, of course, has changed enormously since then. That was the first tournament to see 4-2-4. Our own team in Buenos Aires will play with wingers, as did the 1958 side, which had Wiesnieski on one flank and Jean Vincent on the others. We shall have a centre-forward, probably Marseille's Bedoll, weathered and tempered by his years in West Germany. But Marius Tresor, from Guadeloupe, is recognised in Europe more as a sweeper than a stopper, the envy of the very Italians, who only wish they had such a superbly talented all-round footballer in their team; though they virtually invented the modern *libero*. There is no Raymond Kopa to make bullets for a Fontaine to fire, but there is the splendid Michel Platini in midfield who to some extent combines the attributes of both of them; and takes free kicks with a brilliance and an efficacy that neither could have matched.

First game

Much will inevitably be decided by our very first game in Mar del Plata, versus the Italians. Later that day, the other two teams in our fiercely contested Group I will meet in Buenos Aires, Hungary against Argentina. Can we beat the Italians? Well, we drew with them 2-2 in Naples when Platini ridiculed Dino Zoff with his free kicks, twice beating him, even if only one of the goals counted. We could run into some rough stuff, I fear; as indeed we could four days later, when Argentina must be met in the River Plate Stadium. Dominique Bathenay is just the midfield man we shall need on those days, and one can only hope he will be fit and fully recovered.

It was with great reluctance that our manager and selector, the amiable Michel Hidalgo, announced his first forty players, as early as last April 15. He said impatiently at the time that it was a ridiculous ruling, that it was quite plain that by the time the World Cup list had to be made definite, several of those among the forty would be unavailable for one reason or another.

Inevitably there were some surprises on the list: the omission of such as Eric Pécout, the powerful Nantes centre-forward, who for a while had seemed a possible answer to one of our greatest problems, being a cogent example. Zimako, transferred from Bastia to Saint Etienne last summer, was another not to make the cut, as the Americans say. "To make up the list of 40 at this time," complained Hidalgo, "was to leave out players who would have deserved to be on it, and at the same time not to be able to make last minute substitutions."

The win against Brazil, though a little lucky on the basis of the first half play, showed one important thing; that we do have reserves in depth. Seven first choice players were for one reason or another unavailable that day, yet still France won. Very wisely, Hidalgo is going for the players of the teams in form; notably Bastia, who had such a splendid run into the UEFA Cup Final.

Claude Papi, the inspiration of their midfield, thoroughly deserved his selection, while Lacuesta, another midfielder, and the defenders Cazes and Guedon, have equally emerged this season. Do not forge that Bastia actually beat Torino in Turin on their way to the Finals their players will have no fear of Italian opposition.

It was also a wise move to recall, on the basis of outstanding curren form, the midfielder Huck, splendidly effective for Nice, whom he ha galvanised in recent weeks, above all in the French Cup tournament Note, too, that Dominique Rocheteau is again among those present. I only he can recover his form, he could do so much for France in Argentina, where they don't in fact know him, since injury prevented him from making last summer's South American tour. His recovery and presence is the more to be hoped, since Dalger was so disappointing in Naples.

An interesting choice was that of the young Marseilles attacker, Flores, whom Hidalgo wanted, he says, because of his great promise. Guesdaon was picked, Hidalgo explains, because he wanted three defenders to cover for each position, and the Bastia libero came behind Tresor and the Saint Etienne sweeper, Lopez.

Professionalism

Among the goalkeepers, five in all, the name of Dominique Dropsy of Strasbourg figured, after being seven times on the bench for France. Hidalgo esteems him for his serious professionalism, his steady progress; he is now 26 years old and is still improving. He is brave, he catches crosses well, he has excellent reflexes on the goal line. He got his original chance in first class football with Valenciennes when the club was on tour in Africa and a vicious opponent kicked the team's first choice keeper in the stomach. He could actually have joined Nantes, but his father and mother felt it was too far from his home, at Leuze.

What France will surely do in this World Cup is try to play good, open, inventive football; and we have the men to do it. Such stars as Tresor, Platini and, if he be fit, Bathenay command a place by right; elsewhere, there is almost an embarrassment of choice for Hidalgo. He will remember the kind of goal Didier Six scored so spectacularly at the Maracana against Brazil last summer. He will remember the serpentine runs of Rocheteau, both for Saint Etienne and for France.

The ultra professional, solidly consistent Henri Michel is there to fill a place in midfield. And Platini, as we know, can produce goals as a conjurer produces rabbits or silk handkerchiefs. Moreover, there is no pressure on France. We aren't expected to win in Argentina. All the more opportunity to give, as I have said, the best account of ourselves for the last twenty years.

Out strip the opposition

Success in any sport begins in the changing room. It begins as soon as you pull on your strip. If you look the part then you're going to play it, that's why teams wearing Bukta are one up on the opposition even before a ball is kicked. They have confidence in their appearance and confidence in their ability, the all important psychological advantage. See the wider than ever range of Bukta sportwear for football, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, squash, hockey and swimming at your local sports outfitter or write for the free full colour brochure for the sport of your choice to **Bukta, Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 1ED** enclosing stamp to cover postage.

Bukta sportwear — Outstrip them in the changing room and outstrip them on the field.

This is No. 1 of a series of illustrations

STOCKPORT, ENGLAND

WORLD CUP C

APRIL 5

A second Hamburg disaster for **WEST GERMANY**. Beaten 1-0 there by East Germany in the 1974 finals, they go down 1-0 to **BRAZIL**. The only goal comes 14 minutes from time, from substitute Nunes, after a sharp one-two between Ze Maria and Zico.

This ends a German run of 12 games without defeat and is a sad last home international appearance for manager Helmut Schoen — who retires after Argentina — and skipper Berti Vogts — who is to quit international soccer.

W. Germany: Maier — Vogts, Kaltz, Rüssmann, Dietz (Förster) — Bonhof, Flohe, Beer (Worm) — Abramczik (H. Müller), Fischer, Rummenigge.

Brazil: Leao — Ze Maria, Amaral, Oscar, Edinho — Toninho Cerezo, Rivelino (Batista), Dirceu — Gil, Zico, Reinaldo (Nunes).

The same evening the other Germany are in action in Leipzig as sparring partners for **SWEDEN**, who surprisingly win 1-0 thanks to a 75th-minute goal from Sanny Aslund. This ends the Olympic champions' four-year unbeaten home record.

The Swedes include five exiles as well as skipper Bjorn Nordqvist making his 107th international appearance.

E. Germany: Croy — Kische, Dörner, Weise (Schade), Weber — Sterbach, Pommerenke (Gräbner), Lindemann — Riediger, Peter, Hoffmann (Streich).

Sweden: Hellström — Borg, Nordqvist, Roy Andersson, Johansson — Tapper, Lindberth, Larsson — Nilsson (Aslund), Sjöberg (Nordin), Wendt.

Other 1-0 winners are **AUSTRIA**, beating Switzerland in Basle thanks to a third-minute goal from Bundesliga-based Kurt Jara, despite being without Krieger, Hattenberger and Kreuz.

The Swiss fight back for a time, but give up hope once Claudio Sulser's shot rebounds off the bar early in the second half. For Austria, the clever Prohaska, tricky Schachner and commanding Pezzey are outstanding against a Swiss team trying out a Grasshoppers-based team, providing a debut for newly-naturalised Italian Raimondo Ponte.

Switzerland: Burgener (Berbig) — Wenzel, Chapuisat, Montandon, Fischbach — Meyer, Barberis, Botteron (Schnyder) — Sulser, Ponte, Elsener.

Austria: Koncilia (Fuchsbichler) — Sara (Happich), Obermaier, Pezzey, Breitenberger — Prohaska (Weber), Jara, Hickersberger — Schachner, Krankl, Riedl (Pirkner).

APRIL 6

ARGENTINA defender Osvaldo Piazza flies back to France barely 48 hours after arriving in Buenos Aires, after his wife Norma and daughters Sidonie, four, and Jennifer, 19 days, are badly hurt in a car crash in Salon de Provence.

Piazza has been given permission by Saint-Etienne to miss the end of the French season to strengthen the Argentina squad preparing for the finals.

APRIL 9

A remarkable victory for **POLAND** goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski. After pro-

Lubanski of Poland.

longed in-fighting at LKS Lodz, Tomaszewski has fought off an attempt by coach Leszek Jezierski to have him dropped and had Jezierski sacked instead!

APRIL 10

ARGENTINA FA president Alfredo Cantilo announces at short notice a friendly against the Republic of Ireland to be played inside the next fortnight. Meanwhile there is trouble over the release of Mario Kempes. Valencia are holding out for more cash despite a contract clause saying no obstacles must be placed in the way of his World Cup appearances.

Piazza remains in France after his wife's car crash, and there is no sign as to when he may rejoin Cesar Menotti's squad.

In Milan **ITALY'S** captain Giacinto Facchetti, nursing a fractured rib after Inter's 2-2 draw with Juventus (Romeo Benetti was the culprit, would you believe?), says he is to defy doctors' orders that he should rest for a month.

Instead he says: "I'll try a comeback in 10 days. If the rib doesn't hurt too much I can train gradually and be ready early in May." But it still looks as if Gaetano Scirea or Lionello Manfredonia will be leading contenders for the sweeper's role in Argentina. . . .

Sweeper trouble too for **WEST GERMANY**. An opinion poll shows that 58 per cent of people think Franz Beckenbauer should be recalled no matter what the cost to right all the wrongs of the 1-0 defeat by Brazil.

BRAZIL, meanwhile, turn up in Egypt to beat local champions Al Ahli 6-1 in Jeddah. They were 3-0 up at half-time.

In Europe Wlodzimierz Lubanski flies back to **POLAND** from Belgium hoping to play — and score his 50th international goal — in the friendly against the Republic of Ireland. Lubanski has been forced, because of Lokeren club commitments, to miss the 5-2 win over Greece.

In Buenos Aires an Argentine huma rights organisation take a stand again attempts to provoke a World Cup boyco among competing countries.

APRIL 11

The chances of Johan Cruyff rescinding hi retirement fade even further as **HOLLAN** manager Ernst Happel names his preliminar squad of 40 without the Barcelona skipper.

"Our 4-0 win over Tunisia convinced m we can do well without Cruyff," he says. "I wasn't so much the score as the way the tea played. I was impressed with Piet Wildschu and see a great future for him. Nanninga wa also good, but our centre forward proble isn't completely solved.

"What is certain is that in our first game i Argentina we shall play with three striker against Iran. If I use Johnny Rep it will be o the right wing and not in the middle."

In Frankfurt, Schoen announces **WEST GERMANY'S** squad for their last warm-up the April 19 visit to Sweden. There are n surprises in the 20-man party and Schoen say the defeat by Brazil will not panic him int changes.

The only question mark concerns Fran Beckenbauer. The DFB say they are willin to reopen negotiations with New Yor Cosmos, but think the chances of a agreement slight.

Schoen's 20, giving clear hints of his final 22:

Goal — Maier (Bayern), Frank (Braunschweig). Defence — Vogts (Borussi Mg), Kaltz (Hamburg), Rüssmann (Schalke Dietz (Duisburg), Schwarzenbeck (Bayern Förster (Stuttgart), Zimmermann, Konopk (Köln). Midfield/attack — Bonhof (Borussi Mg), Flohe (Köln), Beer (Hertha Burgsmüller (Borussia Dortmund), Hölzen bein (Eintracht Frankfurt), H. Mölle (Stuttgart), Abramczik, Fischer (Schalke), Rummenigge (Bayern), Worm (Duisburg).

In Los Angeles, **PERU** beat **MEXICO** 1-0 but the match has to be suspended for some time after Jose Quesada's 73rd-minute winner because Mexican fans pelt the Peruvian bench with missiles, one of which stuns reserve German Leguia. FIFA referee Toros Kibritjian tries to take the players off but another shower of objects prevents them daring to run the gauntlet of the trip to the dressing rooms.

Mexican captain Arturo Vazquez Ayala shouts an appeal to fans, but his lone voice is no match for the 38,000 crowd — a soccer record in LA.

Mexico dominate the first half, but goalkeeper Quiroga saves well from Hugo Sanchez. Peru's winner is created by Percy Rojas.

APRIL 12

Bad news for **HOLLAND**. Johan Neeskens says in Barcelona that injury may force him

OUNTDOWN

Argentina '78

out of the World Cup. The knee injured before Christmas against Burgos suffers another blow — ironically in the UEFA Cup semi-final first leg against PSV Eindhoven — and has not responded to treatment.

In Lodz, **POLAND** beat the Republic of Ireland 3-0 on a snow-covered pitch. Zbigniew Boniek scores the first from close range after 51 minutes, with skipper Kazimierz Deyna — in his 95th international — getting the second six minutes later. Wladyslaw Mazur heads No. 3 nine minutes from the end.

But it isn't much of a test. Tomaszewski has nothing to do.

Poland: Tomaszewski — Szymanowski, Zmuda, Wojcicki, Justek (Wojtowicz) — Nawalka (Mazur), Deyna, Boniek — Lato, Szarmach, Lubanski.

Encouragement for **FRANCE** manager Michel Hidalgo. After a check round the country he receives the hopeful news that most of his injured men — Tresor, Bathenay, Rocheteau, Lacombe, Six, Janvion and Rey — should be fit well before the finals. His only fitness problem is a thigh muscle he suffered in training!

Rivelino of Brazil.

In Milan, Internazionale officials prepare for one of San Siro's few big occasions of the season — the visit by **BRAZIL**. The tourists are hoping for a repeat of 1958. Then they visited Italy on their way to triumph in Sweden, and defeated Fiorentina and Inter, each 4-0.

In Düsseldorf, Helmut Schoen has to slightly reorganise his **WEST GERMAN** squad to face Sweden, while **SWEDEN'S** Georg Ericsson names six exiles in his team — Hellström, Wendt, Borg and Larsson from German clubs, Torstensson from Zurich and Linderoth from Marseille.

In Spain there is another hitch in Kempes's hopes of flying home to **ARGENTINA** directly the season ends. Valencia claim now they have been offered some good money for a couple of friendlies, provided Kempes plays. It looks like another ruse to squeeze more money out of the Argentines. Kempes appeals to Buenos Aires for someone to come to Spain and sort it all out.

APRIL 13

Another win for **BRAZIL**, back in Europe to beat Internazionale easily 2-0 in Milan. Inter are supposed to be celebrating their 70th anniversary, but it is only the Brazilians who have cause to be cheerful. After four minutes Gil rattles Ivano Bordon's crossbar and with Roberto Rivelino controlling the match from deep in midfield they go ahead after 24 minutes. Bordon fails to hold Zico's low drive and Nunes prods in the rebound.

Inter have only one real attack in the first half, and immediately after the interval Dirceu catches out Bordon with a 30-yard half-volley.

The only disturbing moments are reserved for goalkeeper Emerson Leao after the match, when he learns that his club Palmeiras want to transfer him because he's caused them too many headaches.

Inter: Bordon (Cipollini 76) — Bini — Baresi, Orlali, Canuti, Fedele (Gasparini 25) — Pavone (Tricella 71), Marini (Roselli 43), Merlo (Chierico 62) — Anastasi, Altobelli (Mauraro 46).

Brazil: Leao — Ze Maria, Amaral, Oscar, Rodrigues Neto (Polozzi 46) — Toninho Cerezo, Rivelino (Mendonca 70), Dirceu — Gil (Tarcisio 76), Zico (Batista 70), Nunes.

In New York Franz Beckenbauer says he is ready to play for **WEST GERMANY** in Argentina, but the only problem might be Cosmos' demand for £200,000 compensation. Uli Stielike says he is also prepared to play if Schoen wants him. Stielike is speaking in Germany, where he is appearing with Real Madrid at Braunschweig in a friendly which is part of the Paul Breitner transfer deal.

Meanwhile, some remarkable advice for **PERU** supporters concerning the forthcoming national elections. People will be excused voting only if they are going to support the team in the World Cup finals.

And, from Caracas, reports of another ex-player joining the media. Julio Iglesias, once a goalkeeper with Real Madrid, will commentate on the finals for Venezuelan television.

APRIL 14

BRAZIL clearly impress all of Italy with the way they have added pace to their skills. Inter captain Oriali says: "This may be only an experimental team, but they look ready enough for the World Cup to me. They've got to be favourites. I liked Zico a lot, and Rivelino remains so difficult to hold. The only way is to sacrifice one of your players to close-mark him."

In Budapest, **HUNGARY** prepare to face Czechoslovakia, and Lajos Baroti has a ready answer to critics of the decision to make the clubs play out the second half of the championship at the rate of two games a week.

"We organised it this way because in previous World Cups our team were getting stale when it came to the third game. This way all our players are now used to playing three games in eight days."

Czech manager Vaclav Jezek names a very different team to the European championship side. Only Karel Dobias, Antonin Panenka, Kolomon Gogh and Zdenek Nehoda remain from that squad.

Meanwhile **BRAZIL**, **AUSTRIA**, **POLAND** and **SPAIN** all release their lists of 40. There are few surprises. Brazil include Luis Pereira, but not Francisco Marinho and Paolo Cesar, while Spain's Ladislao Kubala resigns himself to being without the injured Real Madrid pair, Jose Camacho (defence) and Vicente del Bosque (midfield).

In Gelsenkirchen, DFB spokesman Wilfred Gerhardt says that Beckenbauer will not play for **WEST GERMANY** in the World Cup because the DFB have not been able to agree terms with Cosmos. (Should clubs be able to hold the World Cup to ransom?)

At the spa retreat of Ixtapan de la Sal in **MEXICO**, Jose Antonio Roca names a squad of 23 to prepare for the forthcoming tour of Europe. Among the midfielders is bright 18-year-old Enrique Lopez Zarza who, only last year, was appearing in the World Youth Cup in Tunisia.

APRIL 15

With **ITALY'S** Enzo Bearzot and **FRANCE'S** Hidalgo among the spectators, **HUNGARY** beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in a game of two halves. The Magyars totally dominate the first half and are two-up in 27

● *Continued overleaf*

WORLD CUP C

● Continued from previous page

minutes thanks to their outstanding player, Tibor Nyilasi.

"What a team," says Bearzot later. "Everyone was looking for the ball, the defenders were always coming through to help the attack; the forwards were always falling back to help out — everyone worked together, there were no stars."

In the third minute Nyilasi turns in a Bela Varadi free kick, and his second is also created by the Vasas striker. But in the second half Baroti's fitness theory doesn't look as sound as the Hungarians tire. The Czechs seize their chance and Kroupa beats Gujdar after a run and pass from Nehoda in the 65th minute.

Hungary: Gujdar — Torok (Martos 46), Kocsis, Kereki, Toth — Zombori, Nyilasi, Pintar — Fazekas (Halasz 68), Torocsik, Varadi (Nagy 66).

Czechoslovakia: Netolicka — Barmos, Dobias, Fiala, Gogh (Samek 30) — Bilsky, Panenka (Kisati 46), Jerusek — Kroupa, Janecka (Masny 46), Nehoda.

While Hidalgo is in Budapest, his own federation release his list of 40 for the **FRANCE** World Cup bid. Included is Nice goalkeeper Dominique Baratelli, despite the fact that he is still recovering from knee operations. The unfortunately-named Strasbourg goalkeeper Dropsy is in too. So — a mild surprise — is 29-year-old Bastia schemer Claude Papi.

But two omissions no one had forecast are those of defensive midfielder Roger Jouve and full back Herve Flak. Champions Nantes have eight men in the squad.

In **ARGENTINA**, Menotti says he expects Kempes to arrive on May 7 or 8. "The only thing standing in his way is a small amount of administrative red tape," says the Argentine manager. But there is no news of whether Piazza will return to join the squad.

Menotti names the team who beat Rumania 2-0 to take on the Republic of Ireland, despite popular pressure for the recall of Norberto Alonso, who scored all River Plate's goals in the 4-1 defeat of Chacarita Juniors.

In **ITALY**, the masseur of relegation-threatened Fiorentina says skipper and midfielder Giancarlo Antognoni is playing despite increasing pain from injuries and should be withdrawn from the World Cup squad.

APRIL 16

WEST GERMANY name their 40 — and Beckenbauer isn't there, although eight of his colleagues from the winning squad of 22 in 1974 are there — Maier, Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Bonhof, Flohe, Cullmann, Hölzenbein and Höness.

Meanwhile, in Gelsenkirchen's Parkstadion, Köln beat Fortuna Düsseldorf 2-0 to retain the DFB Cup. It's a game which doesn't help Schoen. Afterwards Flohe and Dieter Müller pull out of the midweek match against Sweden because of minor injuries. Schoen makes his displeasure clear and that provokes a short-lived skirmish with Köln coach Hennes Weisweiler.

Bathenay and Lacombe relax at the French training camp.

SWEDEN'S Eriksson must make changes from the team who beat East Germany 1-0. Skipper Nordqvist picked up a virus infection and has been told to rest for four weeks. That kills his chances for the time being of equalling Bobby Moore's record of 108 international caps. In midfield Linderoth will be missing because Marseille need him for an important league match.

Meanwhile, ticket sales for the finals seem to be picking up. The organising committee, with the opening and Final games and Argentina's matches all sell-outs, decide now is the time to release individual tickets for purchase by the public.

APRIL 17

Deadline day, and Bearzot names **ITALY'S** 40. No surprises, except perhaps the exclusion of Perugia forward Walter Novellino and Inter's reserve sweeper Graziano Bini. Juventus have 11 men in the squad — Zoff, Gentile, Cuccureddu, Cabrini, Scirea, Morini, Benetti, Causio, Fanna, Tardelli and Bettega.

The squad threatens to be one of the oldest in the finals. A bitter Claudio Onofri (Genoa), who had hoped in vain to be named, jibs: "Why not pick Piola and Meazza as well?"

Eriksson names **SWEDEN'S** 40, revealing that he has persuaded veteran midfielder Bosse Larsson to rescind the international retirement into which he disappeared after 1974.

In Caracas, **PERU** lose 2-0 to Venezuelan champions Portuguesa. Ironically both goals are scored by Nunez, a Peruvian!

In Tehran, **IRAN**, hope to have top scorer Hassan Rowshan back for the first time since his knee operation to face Wales.

APRIL 18

IRAN lose 1-0 to Wales at home, the go coming from Phil Dwyer in the 71st minu Rowshan makes an appearance, but only substitute late in the game, so there's lit opportunity to judge whether he can be threat to Scotland and Holland in Argentin

At the same time manager Heshm Mohadjerani releases his list of 40. In fact i 38, and among the notable absentees is Par Gheleechkani who, it had been hoped, wou be released by the NASL's San Jo Earthquakes.

Iran: Hedjazi — Nazari, Kazerani, Abdol Eskandarian, Agha, Parvin, Sadeghi, Ghassempo Ojehani, Adelkhani (Rowshan).

Wales: Davies — Page, G. Davis, D. Davis, Jones Mahoney, Yorath, Dwyer — Harris, Deacy, Thomas.

In Ixtapan Jose Roca announc **MEXICO'S** likely team to open th European tour against **SPAIN** in Granada April 26: Reyes — Najera or Flor Cisneros, Ramos, Vazquez Ayala — Cuell Mendizabal, Lopez Zarza — Rangel, Orte Hugo Sanchez.

In London Coutinho says the team w beat West Germany will probably st **BRAZIL'S** match at Wembley agai England — the last full international of t South Americans' tour.

Valencia and **ARGENTINA** officials rea agreement on the terms of Kempes's Wo Cup appearances. The Argentines agree pay the Spanish club compensation a insurance premiums totalling £135,000.

APRIL 19

All hell is let loose in Stockholm a London as **SWEDEN** beat **WEST GE MANY** 3-1, and **BRAZIL** lose their cool i 1-1 draw with England.

The Stockholm result is by far the mo surprising and important. Among oth things it's the first time in his 14 years and 1

OUNTDOWN

Argentina '78

matches in charge that Schoen has seen his team beaten twice in succession.

Sweden: Hellström — Borg, R. Andersson, Aahman, Erlandsson — Tapper, L. Larsson, Torstensson — Ohlsson (Nilsson 72), Sjöberg, Wendt.
West Germany: Maier (Burdenski 46) — Vogts, Kaltz, Rüssmann, Zimmermann — Bonhof (Dietz 81), Hölzenbein, H. Müller (Worm 62) — Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

The Swedes have the best early chance, but Wendt is just too late to reach Lennart Larsson's through pass. Then the world champions hit back and after Manni Kaltz has a fine solo effort blocked by Hellström Hansi Müller touches aside a free kick, and Bonhof drives yet another unstoppable shot in for a 23rd-minute goal.

Just 90 seconds later Bernd Hölzenbein misses a fine chance to make it 2-0 and within seconds the Swedes pull level, Rolf Rüssman diverting Jan Ohlsson's shot beyond Sepp Maier.

The Germans look the better team, but the Swedes make up in effort what they lack in class and deserve to be all-square at the interval — particularly considering the absences of Nordqvist, Linderoth and the injury-prone Ralf Edström.

The Germans, unwittingly, bring about their own downfall by giving Werdern Bremen goalkeeper Burdenski a chance in the second half as substitute. Burdenski had done so well in the B team's 1-0 win over Sweden the night before, but now he looks a bundle of nerves as he takes over from Sepp Maier.

He might have made a sharper effort to stop Larsson's goal-bound shot in the 50th minute after Kaltz messed up a clearance, and is certainly at fault as substitute Torsten Nilsson scores the Swedes' third after Sjöberg heads a corner against a post.

The result could even be 4-1, but England referee Ken Burns turns a blind eye after Sjöberg, clear through, is brought down.

Back in London, England dominate much of their game with **BRAZIL**, despite going behind to Gil after 10 minutes and not pulling level until skipper Kevin Keegan's 70th-minute goal.

Afterwards the England camp is bitter about the rough Brazilian defensive work; bitter too about the refereeing of Dutchman Charles Corver, who turns down a penalty appeal and refuses to administer the red card, preferring to show the yellow one to five of the Brazilians.

Corver said later that though he realised he should have sent off at least one Brazilian, to do so might have spoilt the occasion (!).

Still, in the talent of Zico and Rivelino there remains much to admire about Brazil, and much for their rivals in the finals to fear.

A World Cup victory would certainly suit Rivelino's club, Fluminense. Despite the fact that he has signed a two-year contract, the chances of a move to New York Cosmos after the finals remain alive. Fluminense now stipulate that the fee must be £1.2 million if Brazil don't win the World Cup — £1.6 million if they do!

England: Corrigan — Mills, Greenhoff, Watson, Cherry — Coppell, Currie, Keegan, Barnes — Latchford, T. Francis.
Brazil: Leao — Ze Maria, Abel, Amaral, Edinho — Toninho Cerezo, Rivelino, Dirceu — Gil, Zico, Nunes (Batista 60).

Cubillas of Peru.

Bearzot, meanwhile, is full of praise for **SWEDEN**. "They surprised me very much. We rated them alongside the less strong teams such as Peru after they has so much difficulty qualifying from a relatively easy group. Now I'll have to think again. Even though their season has only just begun, their players were able to keep going right to the final whistle."

In **ARGENTINA**, the vice-president of the organising authority, Admiral Carlos Lacoste, announces that 20 days before the finals the new and refurbished stadia will be officially given their baptism with a series of youth games.

APRIL 20

PERU return home after their games against San Diego, Mexico and Portuguesa to find a reception committee of fans demanding the dismissal of manager Marcos Calderon.

TUNISIA continue with a get-together in Yugoslavia, and have goalkeeper Maili to thank for a 0-0 draw with first division Sarajevo.

In **ITALY**, only 11 days after his rib injury in the Juventus-Inter duel, Giacinto Facchetti returns to light training.

While the **WEST GERMAN** press take Schoen to task after the Stockholm disappointment, **BRAZIL'S** Coutinho is warding off bullets fired by his own hyper-critical newspaper men.

Explaining the Wembley controversy, he says: "My team were tired with the continual travelling, moving from one hotel to another, the changes in temperature and food and so on. I was satisfied only with our game before our goal and after the England equaliser.

"There was too much nervy play, too many opponents given too much room; we weren't up to scratch in the air, and we were slow in our counterattacks. I'm going back to Brazil knowing that the team still needs some finishing touches and a lot more work if we're to reach the World Cup Final."

Coutinho well knows that he will face trouble over the squad of 40 once he returns to base. One of the first critics awaiting him is Pele, disturbed that Coutinho should drop Marinho — "one of the best players in his position in the world."

In Buenos Aires, **ARGENTINA** beat the Republic of Ireland 3-1 and it could have been more as Menotti's work gradually appears to be bearing fruit.

Rene Houseman makes the first goal for Leopoldo Luque after 15 minutes and the second for Oscar Ortiz a minute after half-time. Ortiz then dummies over a pass from Luque nine minutes later, so Villa can score the third.

Braddish gets the Irish consolation in the 70th minute.

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Luis Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Ardiles, Gallego, Villa (Maradona) — Houseman, Luque, Ortiz (Bertoni).
Rep. Ireland: Patterson — Gregg, McDunnell, Fullam, Sinott, Giles, Braddish, Tambling, Hulme, Treacy, Clark.

● Continued overleaf

Peter Barnes in action for England against Brazil at Wembley.

WORLD CUP C

● Continued from previous page

APRIL 21

BRAZIL end their European tour with a game in Spain to celebrate Atletico Madrid's 75th anniversary. Despite the efforts of Luis Pereira in Atletico's defence, the Brazilians slice through for a 3-0 win.

The first goal comes after 29 minutes, Nunes taking a free-kick from Romeu and shooting through Reina's legs. In the second-half Edinho scores after a short corner and Jorge Mendonca smashes in a free-kick after being fouled by poor Pereira!

"A phenomenal side," was the judgment of Atletico coach, Luis Aragones, on Brazil.

Atletico: Reina — Marcelino, Eusebio, Pereira, Capon — Marcial (Robi 68), Alberto, Leal — Ayala, Ruben Cano (Bermejo 46), Leichinha (Rubio 68).

Brazil: Leao (Carlos 46) — Ze Maria (Toninho 60), Abel, Amaral, Edinho (Rodrigues Neto 80) — Dirceu, Batista, Zico (Mendonca 46) — Gil (Tarcisio 76), Nunes (Reinaldo 46), Romeu.

In Beunos Aires Helenio Herrera gives his impression on **ARGENTINA**. He criticises the defence for allowing opposing forwards too much space, but praises Houseman as a man who can change the course of a game with one change of pace or dribble or break.

Meanwhile the chances of Oswaldo Piazza returning to join the squad virtually disappear as he telephones from France that his family remain very much in need of his presence.

In **WEST GERMANY** the campaign to recall Franz Beckenbauer is pressed as far as Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. A spokesman says the government of post-war Germany has no intention of entering into sporting matters.

MEXICO fly out from Mexico City bound for Paris for their European tour. Before leaving they play a sparring match against an amateur team. Roca fields his first team in the first half — they win 2-1 — and the reserves in the second half. They win 1-0.

At the head of a squad of 22 players are Roca, trainers Ruben Matturano, and Pedro Nujeru, masseurs Andres Amaya and Alejandro Monreal, and team doctor Francisco Javier Lozano.

In Buenos Aires there is a stern warning to **ARGENTINA'S** squad from Americo Hernan Perez, second in command to Juan Carlos Lorenzo at Boca Juniors.

"If Argentina don't win the World Cup," he states, "it will be a catastrophe. Our clubs are in enough financial trouble already. If Argentina fail things can only get worse. And a lot of other sports depend on money from professional soccer for their existence."

In Barcelona **HOLLAND'S** Johan Neeskens laments a season "which hasn't given me any peace from being kicked — except when I was out injured."

And in Madrid **BRAZIL'S** Roberto Rivelino replies cautiously to suggestions that they are favourites for the World Cup.

"It's all relative," he says. "I'd prefer to say that we have the opportunity. The team's working well; our preparation is well geared for us to reach Argentina at just the right moment."

APRIL 23

A German magazine publish what must be regarded as a definitive record of Rivelino's international career. While the player claims 116 internationals — way beyond Bobby Moore's 108 record — the magazine, *Kicker*, lists 88 matches only.

France, back row left to right: Andre Rey, Gerard Janvion, Patrice Rio, Dominique Bathenay, Maxime Bossis, Marius Tresor. Front: Dominique Rocheteau, Bernard Lacombe, Michel Platini, Jean-Marc Guillou, Didier Six.

AUSTRIA plan to take a chaplain with them to Argentina as general aide to the temporal management of their campaign. He's Friedrich Pechtl. "When all the pressure starts to get to us, he could be just the man to keep us cool," says skipper Robert Sara.

In Budapest **HUNGARY'S** Tibor Nyilasi says he thinks the Magyars will reach the second round — holding Argentina to a draw and beating France and Italy.

"Mr. Baroti hasn't only rejuvenated the team, he's helped make us properly fit and improved our skills. That's why I'm so confident we'll be in the last eight."

In Rio **BRAZIL'S** officials make plans to apply for the staging of the World Cup in the year 2002! — "Or for 1994, if Peru can't make it then," says one supreme optimist.

MEXICO reveal in Madrid that right-back Manuel Nahera has had to stay at home to rest an injured knee.

In **AUSTRIA** Hans Krankl sets a league record as he hits five goals in Rapid Vienna's 6-0 win over Admira Wacker. That takes his total for the season to 41, four beyond the previous record of 37 set by another Rapid hero, Robert Dienst, in 1951. Krankl is now clear favourite to win the Golden Boot as Europe's top scorer.

WEST GERMANY'S Rainer Bonhof finds that Borussia Moenchengladbach's 6-2 win over Hamburg the previous day has cost him dearly. A muscle pull two minutes from time threatens to keep him out of match play for a month.

In Rio Claudio Coutinho sums up **BRAZIL'S** tour — "We proved we will be among the major contenders in Argentina. The most important thing was the experience gained from playing in five countries against five different styles." His players "had learned to mark their man with greater vigour. They no longer get fooled by watching their opponents running and know how to go about catching up with them. But we can't afford to have as many yellow cards shown to us as we had in the England game."

In Bonn a caustic Klaus Fischer makes a sharp reply to a comment of Helmut Schoen in Stockholm that **WEST GERMANY** "cannot afford to wait all the time for the possibility of one spectacular goal from an overhead kick".

Fischer says: "That's nonsense. I've scored some good goals that way, but I've only tried that when I know I can't get to a ball with my head."

In an interview with *Die Welt* Schoen says: "The situation is starting to get serious. When the pressure of the championship is over and we get into training at Malente perhaps we can get rid of some of the ballast."

In **FRANCE** manager Hidalgo reminds his first round rivals that "we aren't just Platini. We have three or four world-class players in our team apart from him."

In Warsaw **POLAND** beat Czechoslovakia 3-0, before 40,000. Gmoch rests Lato and Deyna and the goals come from the outstanding Zbigniew Boniek (13 and 47) and Terlecki (30).

Poland: Tomaszewski — Maculewicz, Zmuda, Wojtowicz (Gorgon), Wojcicki — Kasperczak, Nawalka, Boniek — Kusto, Szarmach (Erlich), Terlecki.

Czechoslovakia: Civela — Fiala, Vacavicek, Stambachr, Rott — Sajanek, Mraz, Herda — Zinar, Melichar, Kovac.

In Tandil (Buenos Aires), **ARGENTINA** beat a local team 1-0 with a fifth-minute goal from Bertoni that bursts a hole in the net. Team: Fillol — Pagnanini, Luis Galvan, Killer, Bottaniz — Larrosa, Oviedo, Villa — Houseman (Valencia), Bravo (Maradona), Bertoni.

APRIL 24

Criticism of Enzo Bearzot in **ITALY**, for lining up mostly a B team for the match with the Scottish League in Verona. Why, ask the critics, haven't Graziani, Maldera, Bellugi and Antognoni been given the rare opportunity of a work-out together with all the key Juventus players?

OUNTDOWN

APRIL 25

A no-nonsense warning from General Angel Barbieri, head of security of the World Cup: "We won't make it easy for troublemakers. Anyone who steps outside the rules, whether he's a visiting fan or one of our own security men . . . he will finish up in a prison cell."

In Granada **SPAIN'S** boss Ladislao Kubala springs a minor surprise in including Javier Uria among the substitutes for the night's game with Mexico. Uria, now of Gijon, was discarded a year ago by Real Madrid. Now he's on the verge of a trip to Argentina.

In Munich a **WEST GERMAN** fan takes legal action against the DFB, claiming a refund on his ticket to the game with Brazil because Schoen didn't pick his strongest possible side — i.e. leaving out Breitner and Stielike.

In Budapest **HUNGARY** release the names of their squad of 22: Goal: Gujdar, Meszaros, L. Kovacs. Defence: Torok, Martos, Kocsis, Balint, Kereki, Rab, J. Toth. Midfield: Nyilasi, Halasz, Pinter, Csapo, Zombori, A. Toth. Attack: Fazekas, Pusztai, Torocsik, Fekete, Varadi, L. Nagy. Reserves: Paroczay, Varga, Kantor.

Good news for **PERU**. Juan Jose Munante will be arriving in two days' time after finally gaining his World Cup release from Universidad de Mejico.

APRIL 26

A Montevideo upset for Menotti. Uruguay beat **ARGENTINA** 2-0, the first defeat in this year's warm-up games. But it isn't until late that the goals come.

In the 75th minute Ildo Maneiro beats Villa and chips past Hector Baley, then makes a second six minutes later for Fernando Morena. Morena has a goal disallowed for offside in the first half while Argentina come closest when Rene Houseman puts Humberto Bravo through, but his shot flies narrowly wide.

Uruguay: Rodriguez — De Los Santos, Salomon, Peruena, Di Bartolomeo — Carrasco, Graffigna, Maneiro — Alzamendi, Morena, Ocampo.

Argentina: Baley — Pagnanini, Luis Galvan, Killer, Bottaniz — Larrosa, Ruben Galvan, Villa — Houseman, Bravo, Bertoni.

In Tehran **IRAN** draw 1-1 with a Bulgarian selection. Both goals come in the first half. Ali Parvin scores for Iran from a penalty after 29 minutes with Tariko Sokolov equalising 10 minutes later.

Iran: Hedjazi — Nezari, Eskandarian, Abdolah, Shodjae — Parvin, Ghasempour, Mayeb-Aghe — Djehani, Abdelkani, Rowshan.

Bulgaria: Petrov — Chalev, Angelov, Kolev, Jakov — Sergeyev, Alexandrov, Khorosov — Raisov, Sokolov, Karimov.

MEXICO open their European tour the same way as Brazil, in defeat. But theirs is by 2-0 against **SPAIN** in Granada. Spain dominate the first half, and though the second is more even, by then it is too late for the Mexicans.

After six minutes Quini swaps passes with Rafael Maranon before beating Reyes, and then Maranon himself scores direct from a 16th-minute corner after Dani's dummy deceives the goalkeeper.

Leonardo Cuellar and Hugo Sanchez have good chances on the hour, but Sanchez's shot, after Cuellar's effort has been blocked, ricochets off a post.

Spain: Miguel Angel (Arconada) — De la Cruz, Miguel, Pirri (Uria), Biosca — Leal, Asensi, San Jose — Dani, Quini, Maranon (Juanito).

Mexico: Reyes — Flores, Tena, Ramos, Vazquez Ayala — Cuellar, De la Torre, Lopez Zarza (Mendizabal) — Rangel, Ortega (Isiordia), Hugo Sanchez.

Trouble for **PERU'S** Marcos Calderon. He takes the gruelling journey from Lima to watch the match in Verona between **ITALY'S** B team and a Scottish League side, under the misguided impression that he is to see both countries at full strength!

Instead he sees a lively 1-1 draw between two teams with few players who will concern him in Argentina. Roberto Pruzzo puts Italy B ahead from a 16th-minute penalty, and Doug Sommer equalises four minutes later.

Italy B: Conti — Manfredonia — Cuccureddu, Bellugi, Cabrini — Oriali, Pecci, Pin — Rossi, Pruzzo, Novellino.

In Warsaw **POLAND** beat yet another Bulgarian squad 1-0. Lato is not only back, but scores the winner in the 68th minute.

Poland: Tomaszewski — Szymanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Wawrowski (Kasperczak) — Boniek, Deyna, Nawalka — Lato, Lubanski, Szarmach (Terlecki).

Injury trouble for **WEST GERMANY**. On top of Bonhof's muscle strain comes a decision that Köln's Herbert Neumann will probably miss the World Cup because of knee trouble.

BRAZIL name a squad of 23 from which the Argentina men will be chosen. There's no place for Luis Pereira!

Goal: Leao, Carlos, Valdir Peres. **Defence:** Ze Maria, Toninho, Oscar, Abel, Amaral, Polozzi, Edinho, Rodrigues Neto. **Midfield:** Toninho Cerezo, Batista, Chicao, Rivelino, Dirceu. **Attack:** Gil, Zico, Nunes, Jorge Mendonca, Reinaldo, Roberto, Ze Sergio.

Meanwhile **WEST GERMANY** reduce their original 40 to 26. Only five of the 1974 winners remain — Maier, Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Bonhof and Hölzenbein. The big talking point is the exclusion of Dieter Müller, joint top scorer in the league.

Schoen says: "I don't know what's likely to happen about his knee injury. If everything is in order he can still join the party later. But he's not the only player in Germany!"

APRIL 27

PERU arrive in Rio minus Calderon for the friendly with **BRAZIL**. The squad includes five of the men involved in the surprise 3-1 win in Belo Horizonte in 1975 — Cubillas, Quesada, Oblitas, Navarro and Chumpitaz. Peru apparently hope to start the World Cup with the team which will begin against Brazil.

In Rio there is praise for Coutinho's decision to alter his squad. Out are forwards Tarciso and Romeu, and in are goalkeeper Valdir Perez, midfielder Chicao and attacker Ze Sergio as well as Vasco da Gama's experienced 'Bobby Dynamite' Roberto.

In Buenos Aires **ARGENTINA** hotel officials describe as a 'Left-wing plot' reports that would-be visitors are having trouble finding hotel accommodation. Despite assurances to the contrary, that there will be plenty of rooms to spare, foreign inquiries generally meet a brick wall.

APRIL 28

Calderon's mission to "watch Scotland" comes under predictably heavy fire from the **PERUVIAN** Press. Nevertheless the players, after training at the Flamengo club in Rio, insist they can still reach the last eight. Few officials, journalists or fans seems to agree.

SPAIN'S Kubala complains to Paris newspaper *L'Equipe* — "I must be the worst provided for of any of the managers of the finalists. Since playing Italy our warm-up games have been with Norway and Mexico, with one to come against Uruguay. And that's all. I'd like to get the squad together on May 10, but the boys won't have it and I can't do anything about it."

In **BRAZIL** Zico says Barcelona have contacted him with a view to buying him as replacement for Johan Cruyff.

APRIL 29

In **ARGENTINA** Ricardo Villa needs five stitches in a leg injury after training. That means he'll miss the return friendly with Uruguay.

MAY 1

MEXICO draw 0-0 with Stuttgart in their continuing European tour, but the much-vaunted strike force of Rangel, Ortega and Sanchez looks ineffective and the substitutions of Isiordia and Rodriguez at the start of the second half make little difference.

Hansi Müller does well in midfield for Stuttgart to boost his World Cup chances, but the Mexicans hang on thanks to last-ditch fouls and the sturdy defensive work of Vazquez, Ayala, Mendizabal and Cuellar.

Mexico: Soto — Ramos, Flores, Tena, Vazquez Ayala — Mendizabal, De la Torre, Cuellar — Ortega (Isiordia), Rangel (Rodriguez), Sanchez.

In Rio **BRAZIL** beat **PERU** 3-0 before 145,000 in Maracana, after leading only 1-0 at the interval thanks to Zico's conversion of a long through pass from Rivelino.

In the second half Coutinho brings on three substitutes, and it is the replacement of Nunes by Reinaldo — apparently recovered from his knee injury — which does the trick, as he scores in the 69th and 86th minutes, Zico making his first, Dirceu the second.

Zico is enjoying his best game of the year, coming close to a couple more goals in the first half, while Peru rely on a few individual raids led by Percy Rojas, Juan Jose Munante and Cubillas — who wastes their best chance by shooting straight at Leao after a fine break by the powerful Munante.

Brazil: Leao — Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Edinho — Cerezo, Batista, Rivelino (Dirceu) — Ze Sergio, Zico, Nunes (Reinaldo).

Peru: Quiroga — Navarro, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz — Quesada (Gorriti), Velasquez, Cubillas — Munante (Mosquera), Rojas (La Rosa), Oblitas.

Among the crowd are delegates to the South American confederation conference who have earlier re-elected Peru's Teofilo Salinas as president.

● Continued on page 47

ENGLAND 1

ERIC BATTY

MY brief for the England-Brazil game was to contrast the styles of play, expecting, of course, that England would be tougher, faster, more direct and better in the air. Brazil, on the other hand, is the country where skill is supposed to be supreme, skill above all.

It is true that the crowds in Rio and Sao Paulo will not tolerate seeing their favourites kicked up in the air, and at home the players are not tightly marked and tackled quickly as is the custom in Europe.

After some disappointing results at home to Europeans in 1977, before Claudio Coutinho took over, it was clear that if Brazil are to do well in the World Cup they have to acclimatise themselves to the European game for it is just as clear, that the Mundial 78 will be one South American tournament in which the teams from the home continent are not going to have it all their own way.

Weather forecast

For one thing, this is the first World Cup to be held in a South American country where they have a winter. Cold, wet and windy is the weather forecast for Argentina in June — and that contrasts sharply, for example, with the conditions for the last South American World Cup in Mexico where the heat of mid-day kick-offs acted against the Europeans just as much as did the altitude.

If Brazil were to benefit from the trip to Europe there were two main areas in which they had to learn from the Europeans and improve. The first was in defence, in dealing with the high cross. The other was in attack where their strikers had to adapt their game so that they could re-produce their skills against tight-marking, quick-tackling opponents.

But in the event, after losing to France, and not being short of critics at home anyway, Claudio Coutinho had to get good results or face the axe. Thus the World Cup priorities were forgotten, and winning at all costs became the paramount factor.

So the Brazilians must face up to the fact that they are no wiser than when they stepped off the plane from Rio de Janeiro. Coutinho could have learned a few things, though I fancy he knew them before the tour:

Good referees

Zico is grossly over-rated; centre-forwards Reinaldo and Nunes cannot play against European defences; Brazilians cannot play "hard" — only dirty, and good referees will strip his team down to eight or nine men if they carry on in Argentina as they did at Wembley.

Referee Charles Corver was a disappointment, but not a surprise to me for I was fortunate to see him referee a game earlier in the season at home in Holland, and judged him then to be no better, nor more strict than is an average English referee whom we all recognise are far too lenient towards tough players and reluctant to give penalties.

But let us consider the Brazilian pluses first.

I was very impressed by the performance of *Leao* in the air, though I faulted him for the England goal which he seemed to me to knock in with his knees when Keegan shot straight at him.

It is possible, of course, that Keegan made the ball "move in the air" but though I didn't get an in-line view from behind the goal, knowing Keegan I doubt if he has the skill to do a *Bonhof*.

However, knowing how *ALL* foreigners fear to play at Wembley and Hampden Park and goalkeepers in particular, I was struck by the way that Leao went out to the first cross England put over. No fuss, he went out well, got both hands to the ball and held it.

It is true that later in the game Leao went out and punched balls that an English 'keeper would have held, but that first one was critical and the real clue. Leao has come on as the critics said. No problems for Coutinho there.

More adventurous

But in the defence while Ze Maria has become more skilful and also more adventurous since I last saw him, left-back Edinho was a disaster. He got a yellow card from Corver, and should undoubtedly have gone off later. In particular there was one moment when Edinho was accidentally (I believe) given a knock in what I saw as a fair challenge by Brian Greenhoff, and as the ball ran to Mick Mills, Edinho followed it and literally jumped at the England player in an outrageous manner.

There was no excuse for that, and Edinho should have gone then.

Edinho will not do in the World Cup, Mr. Coutinho, and neither will Amaral, no matter how much pressure you are under, you must bring back Luis Pereira even if he can only arrive for 24 hours rest before the first game. Cerezo was another Brazilian who should have been sent off. In the second half, after a blatant trip on Kevin Keegan when he was away down the right, he got another yellow. But not three minutes later having been side-stepped and left for dead by Peter Barnes, he reached out and pulled the Englishman back by his shirt. He too should have gone then, reducing Brazil to nine men.

...BRAZIL 1

at WEMBLEY

I would have given England two penalties and sent off two Brazilians and while I understand the background to Brazil's approach to Wembley, it does not excuse them.

The background?

The plain fact is that for more than 20 years England have always tried to make up for their deficiencies in terms of skill by "getting stuck in". Under Ramsey and Revie, it went a bit further with at least one hatchet-man always included in an England team.

English fans have even been proud of them, encouraged by the popular press to believe that this is the way to cut the talented foreigners down to the level where English players can cope with them.

Young players

But the fact is that since Ron Greenwood took over, no chopper has played for England. And knowing Ron such players will not even be considered.

The emphasis now is where it should be, with young players like Peter Barnes and Steve Coppell being typical of the kind of player Greenwood wants and will stick to.

Knowing Ron, I am convinced that he picks his teams and sends them for each game, hoping they will win by 7-0 every time, and do it with skilful and intelligent attacking football.

More than that, anyone who comes anywhere near the knuckle in terms of physical contact will get a quiet word from the boss to discourage it.

But Coutinho couldn't have known that and it is part of Brazilian folklore that the English will not let you play. And this counts double at Wembley, where, contrary to another widespread feeling (but certainly not true in this case) all referees are homers. Corver in fact fell over backwards to accommodate Brazil.

When England should have got their second penalty, Corver made it clear by his run and actions that he had not had a clear look at the incident. That being so, one would have expected him to consult his linesman who had a perfectly good view of it. But Corver didn't even look at his linesman. His mind was already made up.

Having said a few harsh words about Brazil, now let us review what they seem to have learned about playing against Europeans.

The most impressive feature to me was the manner in which Rivelino continually slowed the game down. Half a dozen times he actually stopped the game dead. With the ball within reach of his left foot, no Englishman dared go near him and they all stood back trying to cover everyone that he could pass to. But while Rivelino stopped the game, no one made direct runs at the English goal, confirming my belief that just as Paulo Cesar is weak, so too is Zico.

Counter-attacking

But on top of Rivelino's ability to slow the game and stop it completely, the Brazilians showed in flashes what they can do with their skills.

Again, once Brazil were in front, they showed that they can switch the emphasis to counter-attacking, though in my opinion they were wrong to sit back and let England dictate with only one goal in the bag.

However, they have learned to pace themselves and change their basic posture for they were noticeably more active in attack after England had levelled the score . . . though as I said, it came too late with too little in hand, and I believe they showed by their late rally that they wanted to win and not draw at Wembley.

Despite reports that Rivelino had acquired a quick temper, he played and behaved impeccably, content to give a player that fouled him a studious look which to me meant "if Coutinho wasn't watching I'd see you off".

But on the really critical points I do not believe that the Brazilians have learned anything from their trip to the old world. In particular, they showed they have no centre-forward who can play well with a man on his back all the time and no one who can do well in the air against European defences.

Natural talents

Even more worrying, Zico shows no appetite for producing his skill and going by a man, fearful that he will be chopped down from behind, he was content to feint and pass the buck to someone else and when he made forward runs he was careful to run at space . . . and the ball didn't come.

That was no surprise to me for as always the Brazilians play naturally and have not had the benefit of coaching as in Europe, that adds knowledge and understanding to their natural talents. Above all, this game provided further proof that Zagalo was right in that the Brazilians cannot be coached, and cannot reproduce their full range of skills against Europeans. On this performance I very much doubt if Brazil can win the World Cup and even if they do, they will not win many friends as they did in 1970.

Argentina and Bra change style

ARGENTINA are actually approaching the World Cup for the first time under the same coach they have had for almost four years. Luis Cesar Menotti took over in September, 1974, shortly after the last World Cup and under him the team had played (at press time) 38 full internationals, winning 22, drawing nine and losing seven. This is an important departure from previous procedure in a country where soccer coaches and presidents have a notoriously short career.

The apparent stability of the national team may have solved one problem, but Menotti, as previously mentioned in World Soccer, had others, such as the continual exodus of star players to play abroad until the Argentine FA banned it (when it was almost too late) and his insistence to make the team play attacking soccer which most local league clubs have forsaken for more defensive and counter attack methods. Another problem was the lack of continual international fixtures (at home and abroad) due mainly to lack of organisation at the top. As a result, Argentina approached the World Cup without being seriously tested this year.

Early in their training, in March, they faced a Uruguayan league team which was not expected to offer much opposition, but surprised by holding them to a 0-0 draw in Mar del Plata. If Uruguay had played like this last year in their World Cup qualifying games against Bolivia and Venezuela, they would not be out of the World Cup now. Then followed 2-1 home and 3-1 away victories against Peru, already mentioned in last month's World Soccer.

Then Argentina faced weak Bulgaria (3-1), Romania (2-0) and the league of Ireland team (3-1) in Buenos Aires, in each case winning more easily than the score suggests, because they ran up a comfortable lead early on and then slowed down to pace themselves as, according to Menotti, the team was not 100% fit yet . . . but most likely because they lacked motivation to play harder. The next game was against Uruguay (away) and they deservedly lost 2-0, but in this match Menotti tried out a number of players not likely to be in the World Cup line up and also left out some key men already sure of a place.

The other games showed a definite improvement in the Argentine team which may be further improved with the return of forward Mario Kempes from Spain. Half Osvaldo Piazza, the other player Menotti wanted from abroad, returned to Buenos Aires in April, but within a couple of days his family was involved in a serious car accident back in France and he had to rush back and will now not play.

Opposition

But conclusions to be drawn from Argentina's all round performance are worth little in view of the weak opposition. Apparent however was that even against this weak opposition the Argentine defence was shaky. The midfield was much improved with the inclusion of Valencia instead of Villa (who tends to slow down play), while winger Ortiz suddenly became a threat in attack, so that Argentina at least seemed to be left with two dangerous wings — the other being Houseman. But Ortiz is notoriously soft and often fades against hard tackling defences. On the other hand, Bertoni, always the most prolific shooter at goal but recently dogged by injury, is far below form and we may not see much of him in the World Cup.

At press time Argentina was due to play Uruguay again in Buenos Aires when they will line up their strongest team. The Argentine FA was also trying to arrange for Czechoslovakia, touring South Africa, to play here . . . but it still looked as if Argentina would reach the World Cup without a real hard test of their capabilities.

While Menotti was trying to get his team to play attractive attacking soccer, Brazilian coach Claudio Coutinho has tried to instill the need for harder play — at the expense of Brazil's classic ball artistry — to counter-act the Europeans. And the cry of "animals, animals . . ." heard from the crowd at Wembley Stadium, when Brazil drew 1-1 with England there in April, signified that he had been successful. So it looks as if in this World Cup we are going to see a very different Brazil from that which won the Cup in 1958, 1962 and 1970 with artistic ball play.

Of their six games in Europe, only three against full international sides really counted . . . a 1-0 defeat against France, a 1-0 victory over West Germany and the 1-1 draw against England. The highlight was undoubtedly the victory over World Cup holders West Germany, but it lost a lot of its glitter a few days later when the Germans were beaten more convincingly by Sweden (3-1) who will be one of Brazil's group rivals in the World Cup finals.

In the minds of home fans and most of the Brazilian press, the tour still left doubts about the team's possibilities. The Brazilian team lacked continuity, playing well at times and poorly at other moments and their over-all performances confirmed to a large extent my report on them and coach Coutinho before they left for Europe *(see last World Soccer)*.

Brazil played a good first half against France in their accustomed style, relying on the individual talents of a number of players, but even during that period they showed a lack of attacking ideas which, in the end, brought them a 1-0 defeat — their first since September, 1975, when Peru beat them in a South American championship game. Against West Germany, Brazil added vigour to their play in the European style and did not tire in the second half as they had done against France.

In fact, towards the end they looked fitter than the usually super fit Germans . . . and this was another weight off Coutinho's shoulders as he had been worried that his players would not be able to match the Europeans in stamina. Many Brazilians considered this game a preview of the World Cup final.

Against England they overdid the vigour after taking a nine-minute lead, showing unexpected anxiety to avoid defeat which they seemed to be intent on stopping at all costs. Also to be taken into account is the fact that both France and England were short of several recognised first teamers.

Coutinho offered the excuse that the players had acclimatising problems in view of the amount of travelling to different regions within such a short time. He also said that he was satisfied with the tour and that "Brazil

Brazil's first choice goalkeeper Leao.

Brazil yles

showed that they are one of the favourites to win the World Cup in Argentina and we expect to confirm this in June."

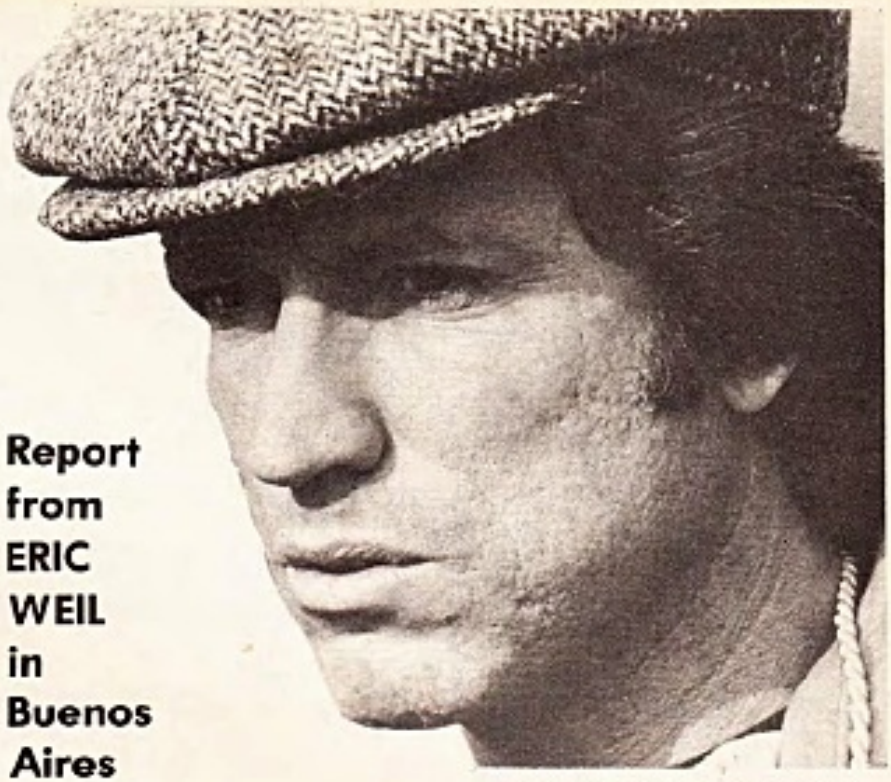
Reinaldo, last season's top scorer in the national championship, once again failed to reproduce his league form. Brazil had placed a lot of their hopes in him, but most of the time he seemed completely lost in attack.

Half Batista was a revelation in midfield, but veteran Rivelinho — with 112 international appearances after the tour — slowed down play in spite of his great talents. And a lack of adequate reserves in defence also showed. Brazil's weak point, as Coutinho knew before they left for Europe, was still the left flank. When left defence marker Edinho moved up to try and remedy this, he left loopholes in defence and no adequate left winger has been found.

There was more criticism when defender Marinho and left winger Paulo Cesar — both former World Cup men whose exclusion had earlier caused a rumpus — were also left out of the list of 40 players presented to FIFA from which the final 22 for the World Cup had to be chosen. It is rumoured that the continual exclusion of Paulo Cesar (who had been a regular since 1974 and for whom no replacement has been found) has political motives in view of declarations he had earlier made to the press. But both he and Marinho are also undisciplined and Coutinho is a very strict disciplinarian.

Forwards

But soon after the team returned from Europe Coutinho did include forwards Roberto (who played in last year's qualifying games) and Ze Sergio (as well as half Chicao and goalkeeper Waldir Peres) in an effort to strengthen the attack, while excluding defenders Turciso and Romeu from the squad.



Brazil manager Claudio Coutinho.

Report from ERIC WEIL in Buenos Aires

PERUVIAN fans clamoured for national team coach Marcos Calderon to be replaced, both during the 1-1 draw against the weak Bulgarians in Lima and also when the team returned after beating Mexico 1-0 in Los Angeles, but losing 2-0 to Venezuela champions, Portuguesa, on the way back.

Against Bulgaria, Peru showed faults in all departments, specially in defence, and they were repeatedly saved from defeat by their Argentine goalkeeper, Quiroga. The match against Mexico was almost suspended when Mexican fans threw a barrage of bottles on the field. Mexico had dominated the first half against the slow Peruvians. Play speeded up in the more even second half when Gorriti headed the somewhat lucky winner 16 minutes from the end.

Calderon's excuses for the surprise defeat against the Venezuelan champions were that the players were tired and under estimated their rivals who scored twice in eight minutes, that the field was bad and Portuguesa played rough, being specially hard on compatriot Nuñez who plays for Portuguesa and scored both goals.

Nor were the fans and the press convinced by Peru's 2-1 win in their next game, in Lima, against the inexperienced Chinese team touring South America. Only Peru's much superior experience, specially stemming from half Cubilla, pulled them through against the fast Chinese who continually showed up flaws in Peru's rearguard. The Peruvian team continued to show a lack of planning and team work.

At press time Calderon included central defender Rodolfo Manzo and centre forward, Guillermo de la Rosa in the squad due to play Brazil in Rio de Janeiro in what will probably be their last full warm up international before the World Cup — Brazil has a further match against Czechoslovakia. Also in the lineup will be fast winger Munante who plays in Mexico, the only player in the squad from abroad who was due back just in time for the game.

Colour television proves expensive

A country organising the World Cup must have colour TV to be able to transmit matches to all parts of the world. This is stipulated by FIFA which benefits from TV contracts as well as the host country. Argentina has no colour TV yet, so they had to build a transmitting station in record time and at tremendous cost right in the middle of Buenos Aires . . . using the most up to date German PAL system.

Visiting officials have marvelled not only at the speed with which it has been completed, but also at the ultra-modern equipment. Locally people are gripping at the cost — in the region of 45 million dollars for the 23,000 covered square metres of the plant — in spite of which they will not be able to see games in colour in their own homes.

The fact that it was built in town, instead of on the outskirts (as is usually done with such installations) has added a lot to the costs, not only due to land value but also the sound proofing system needed — 25cm walls with a 30cm outer cover (covering the roof as well) and a 45cm air shaft in between — as apart from ordinary city noise, planes pass overhead continuously due to its proximity to an airport.

There is no doubt it works. The World Cup draw held in Buenos Aires in January was transmitted successfully, as was a recent trial made by a local firm which has bought the rights to televise matches in colour on giant screens at indoor stadiums, and perhaps cinemas, during the World Cup.

Officials defend the station's location by saying it has to be handily placed between the two Buenos Aires stadiums to be used for Cup games. Once the World Cup is over it may prove to be a costly white elephant however. In spite of optimistic estimates, colour TV is not likely to be introduced in Argentina for some time. The economic situation of the majority of the 25 million population would make it impossible to market large numbers of colour TV sets which, in turn, would not make it worthwhile for advertisiers.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

Last Post played

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as the Football League and its clubs took the players to the cleaners. Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot o'er the grave where our hero we . . . buried? Well, hardly. For our hero, surely, was Jimmy Hill, inspiration of the vibrant campaign which led to the abolition of the maximum wage in 1961, and here he was, blandly genial as ever, emerging once more on the side of the victors. Except for the fact that the victors, the new victors, were this time the Football League clubs.

How on earth did it happen? How was it that the Professional Footballers' Association, having fought on all fronts for freedom of contract, and at least obtained a somewhat half baked compromise whereby players could move, at fees calculated on an automatic basis, should collapse completely at the final moment? For the new dispensation is scarcely distinguishable from the old.

Players, that is to say, now have the automatic right to move at the end of their contracts, but equally, their clubs have the right to claim a fee for them. Nor is it to be calculated on a pre-ordained scale. Not a bit of it. Either the buying and selling clubs agree, or the matter is referred to an independent tribunal. This is progress? No wonder Alan Hardaker and the Football League are rubbing their hands with glee. The PFA have been left with egg on their face. What a pity they did not have a Jimmy Hill.

* * *

Where the Football League were quite astonishingly slow to act was over the matter of player-loans to the United States. Goodness knows that in the past, Alan Hardaker (c.f. the George Best case) has been ready enough to come trumpeting to the challenge. But not a pubic word when Charlton Athletic, quite unforgiveably, decided to allow Mike Flanagan and Colin Powell, their two outstanding forwards, to join the New England Tea Men (that, I kid you not, is their name; and at least it is better than Rowdies Roughnecks and Stompers) long before the season was ended. No wonder Jimmy Andrews, manager of Cardiff City, menaced by relegation, made loud noises of disapproval. But at the top of the Second Division, the loan had its effect, too; Southampton had to play a Powell and Flanagan-less Charlton in their run in for promotion.

Add the loan transfer of Trevor Francis to Detroit for a cool £50,000 (in the player's pocket) and you will see that the North American threat to British football is more sinister and subtle than one might have appreciated. That the North American Soccer League is essentially a parasite on the Football League is something we have long known. That there is a threat that Europe and South America will lose some of their best players to these clubs has equally been appreciated. But the system of loans has never worked like this before.

Charlton have signed a contract with the Teamen, worth 50,000 bucks a year to the South London club, whereby up to four Charlton players may go on loan to Boston during the American season. During our own season, Teamen may come to play over here, while Charlton are also pledged to give the new club advice.

All well and good; provided the seasons do not overlap. But the going of Powell, soon to be followed by Flanagan, with vital weeks of the season remaining was something that Charlton should not have committed themselves to, and that the Football League should never have allowed. Jimmy Andrews also complained when Fulham, due to play Millwall at home in an important relegation game, allowed their ex-Tottenham full-back, Ray Evans, to flee the camp. I think he was right about this, as well.

It has been pointed out, very properly, that if, in these last tense weeks of the season, clubs are not allowed to use players they have just recently acquired in battles affecting promotion and relegation, neither should they be allowed to let key players go. I see no valid argument against this.

The case of Trevor Francis has another dimension. Birmingham City and the commendable new manager, Jim Smith, said in some despair that this was a way in which British clubs could keep players which they might otherwise lose. The strong argument against this, in terms of the integrity of the Football League, has already been made. But what of players such as Francis himself? How long can he serve two masters, and not feel the physical and mental strain of it? How, at a time when our players are already being over used and over played, can he hope to escape the consequences of spending his summers on American football fields?

It is bad enough for the lesser player, lower down the scale. But a Francis is subject to enormously greater demands and pressures; international football, potential runs in the League and F.A. Cup, the burden of being a star, with all the expectations, and the harsh attentions on the field, which this implies.

I was over in the States on the eve of their new season, visiting New York, where my friend and colleague Paul Gardner launched his new monthly magazine, *Soccer Express*, with a dazzling party, graced by Pele, Beckenbauer, Dennis Tueart, Eddie Firmani and others besides. The Cosmos dressing room at the Giants Stadium was a modern Tower of Babel, chaos exacerbated by the arrival of a hapless little tailor, detailed, or doomed, to alter a somewhat square walking out uniform of white ducks and blue blazers for the players.

The Yugoslav Bogicevic, one of Nature's born clowns (though Firmani didn't really seem to see the joke) refused point blank to try on the gear at all, lamented, "Where is Europe, where is Europe?" and pretended to pray in front of his cubicle, as if it were an altar. Giorgio Chinaglia, massive in build yet issued with a blazer whose sleeves dangled far below his hands, bewailed, "I'm not a giant!" Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto and Dennis Tueart showed themselves more detached and composed. Tueart assured me that football united footballers everywhere, but there were faintly ominous undercurrents among the young American players, clearly put out that expensive foreigners are keeping them out of the team.

By an irony, it was the very next day, the day of Paul's party, that an American Under 20 team won a strong youth tournament in Bellinzona, with two Cosmos attackers, Davis and Etherington, to the fore. Not a goal was given away, Tunisia were defeated in the Final, Wolves' juniors beaten 2-0 along the way.

Chinaglia leads a protean life. He is involved in building developments, near his house in New Jersey, for which he's raised loans of millions of dollars. He owns apartment houses there. He has a 300,000 dollar house of his own, an office the floor above the Cosmos themselves, a soccer camp for youngsters on which he is now working, larger ambitions still in the game. As if to give the lie to those — myself among them — who are sure he is doing far too much (at least for one who is also a practising centre-forward) he hit three goals in Cosmos' opening game, the only goal when they won in Los Angeles.

There, I understand, the topsoil has been scraped off in its entirety, the hard ground beneath painted green to foil the people. Where is Europe, where is Europe? Bogicevic, you did not speak in vain.

Every game's a World Cup winner with Subbuteo

Believe it or not, over 5 million boys throughout the world play Subbuteo. Why is Subbuteo so popular? Because it's based on individual skill and it's such great fun to play.

Subbuteo's unique 'flick-to-kick' technique allows you to shoot, tackle, and swerve the ball following all the tactics and rules of real football.

Subbuteo boxed games start with the Display Edition at £3.50. Four other exciting editions are available leading up to the action-packed Stadium Edition at £22.50 with a host of extra accessories to create the big match atmosphere.

Corner kicker with real kicking action.

Subbuteo's unique spring action throw-in figure.

The great thing about Subbuteo is that whatever edition you buy, you can add from a list of over 50 accessories ranging from as little as 25p through to £3.95 for the magnificent new Stadium Grandstand – corner kickers, action goalkeepers, throw-in figures, stadium floodlights and even seated spectators to swell the attendance at your big match. All this plus over 200 teams to choose from.

Believe it or not - over 200 teams to choose from.

Live action goalkeeper brings realism to the game.

See Subbuteo at your local sports store or toy shop and obtain details of all accessories and team colours in the new big free colour catalogue.

In case of difficulty, please drop us a line.

Subbuteo boxed games start at £3.50 to £22.50.

All prices quoted are recommended selling prices

SUBBUTEO TABLE SOCCER

Play the world's greatest sport

Subbuteo®

Subbuteo Sports Games Limited (Dept WS)
Chiddingstone Causeway, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8JU.

ARTHUR ROTMIL previews West

THE FINAL rehearsals of the West German national side before the World Cup premiere ended in bitter disappointment. The 0-1 against Brazil their first home defeat since June 1974 when a World Cup group match was lost by the same score to East Germany, in the same Volksparkstadi Hamburg. The 1-3 setback v. Sweden in Stockholm was just as painful. For manager Helmut Schön, who led the team for the last time on home gr and then in a farewell appearance on European soil, it must have been particularly depressing.

Setbacks for Schön in Hamburg and Stockholm

He had put so much work in to building a side without four of finest players the country has recently produced, but who, alas, mo of their own choice, will not represent West Germany in Argent Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Müller, Jürgen Grabowski and Breitner, who all starred in the world champion side in 1974, wil watching their team mates defend the title . . . on television.

Of the other "world champions" Overath has retired, Hoeness Schwarzenbeck both figure in the squad of 40, but only Maier, Vo Bonhof and (with reservations) Hölzenbein are still considered choice.

The below par displays of the national team ha naturally enough renewed the public clamour for return of the reluctant, or unavailable, world cl players. In the light of recent events it is doubt whether New York's Cosmos had any intention releasing Beckenbauer. The American club wants cash in on their newly won popularity and sim could not risk losing revenue and good will of numerous season ticket holders by allowing th star player to leave them in mid-season.

Grabowski was put under enorm pressure and on his own admission spe many sleepless nights pondering over t question "to return, or not to return". After heart-to-heart talk with Helmut Schön t 44-times capped player decided to stand his original decision.

Breitner has had so many brushes wi authority, that even if he had written 50 times "I am sorry for what I said," nobo would have believed him. His oft quote statement, "I shall never play for the nation team, nor for Bayern Munich again" — h resulted in at least one turn about: H changed his mind and signed again f Bayern!

Struggled

This is of course the club which made hi famous, but which he left for Real Madrid 1974. At the start of this season Breitn returned to Germany and joined Eintrach Brunswick. Now he has come "home" Munich for £437,000 plus VAT!

Breitner's team mate, Gerd Müller, on th other hand, still the *Bundesliga's* top scorer was never contemplating a return to th international scene. And how sadly he wa missed as the team struggled for goals.

Little excuse could be put forward for the slip up against the Brazilians, who, thanks to a late goal by substitute Nunes, gained perhaps a psychological advantage should these sides meet again in the world series. Manager Schön was able to put out the best available side, but once again the forwards disappointed through their lack of penetration.

Bundled

The redoubtable Klaus Fischer appears to have lost his touch. Abramczik was often unceremoniously bundled over by Edinho, whilst Rummenigge flattered, mostly to deceive. In midfield there is still no one capable of taking charge, no schemer with

Berti Vogts, captain of West Germany.

Gmany's defence of the World Cup

vision and cunning, no one in fact to replace Overath, or Netzer.

Even more alarming were the gaps in defence shown up in the next encounter with Sweden (1-3). In fact one has to go back five years (and 53 internationals ago!), to find when the Germans had last conceded three goals — against Argentina in Munich in February 1973!

The first goal was an own goal by stopper Rüssmann, the other two were scored by Lennart Larsson, who ironically enough plays for Schalke in the *Bundesliga*. Thus all the goals in this match were scored by men who play in the *Bundesliga*! Yet, the Germans led through one of Rainer Bonhof's inimitable free kicks, but then fell apart unaccountably and despite a fine opening 20 minutes, lost deservedly.

Youngster

Of the first choice players only the injured Flohe was missing, his place taken by the talented youngster Hansi Müller (20). After the interval goalkeeper Maier was substituted by Dieter Burdenski (Werder Bremen) and his mistakes led indirectly to the defeat.

Consolation for the Football Federation (DFB) was provided by the receipts from the six preparatory home internationals against Italy, Switzerland, Wales, England, Russia and Brazil. A total of 368,000 spectators saw these games and brought £1,750,000 including fees from television into the kitty, which should help to finance the World Cup expedition.

Manager Schön hoped that after the completion of the championship programme the players free from the tension of League and Cup matches will be able to relax during the month of May and tackle "Operation Argentina" in better physical and mental shape. The squad trained at Malente, near Hamburg in the same sports school where they prepared for the 1974 tournament.

They were assembled there between May 1, and 7, then after a week off at home, they reported to Frankfurt on May 16 for a three-day get-together, before flying out to Argentina on May 23.

There on June 1 they open, as holders, the World Cup tournament with a match against Poland in Buenos Aires.

Significant

Despite the recent disappointments I do not expect any significant changes in the line up, other than those enforced through injury. It should read in 4-3-3: Maier (34 years old, 83 caps); Vogts (31/90), Kaltz (24/15), Rüssman (27/13), Dietz (30/24); Bonhof (26/34), Hölzenbein (32/37), Flohe (30/35); Abramczik (22/12), Fischer (28/12), Rummenigge (22/12).

The problem positions are still one in midfield where perhaps the promising Hansi Müller (20/2) could stay in for Hölzenbein, if all goes well, and on the left wing where Rummenigge had a good match in Sweden but may be dropped, if for tactical reasons an extra midfielder is drafted. Alternatively Rummenigge could be asked to fall back and he may be more effective coming from deep positions, like Coppell for England, for example.

But those who are already writing off the Germans as probable World Cup winners would do well to remember this: The Germans have often suffered setbacks just before, or even during a World Cup final series, yet came good in the end. In Mexico in 1970 for instance, they struggled against Morocco (!) winning just 2-1, then they found the right blend and finished third. Last time out they lost sensationally to East Germany, but reshuffled the side and won the World Cup!

Helmut Schön remains at any rate optimistic: "Our players have proved in the past, that when it really matters they can raise their game and overcome the odds. I am confident that we'll do well in Argentina — after all, such top class players as we have could not have forgotten how to play."

Third club

On the domestic front the 1.FC Köln (Cologne) became the third club in the history of German football to complete the coveted "double" of Cup and League. Previously only the FC Shalke (1937) and Bayern Munich (1969) achieved this distinction.

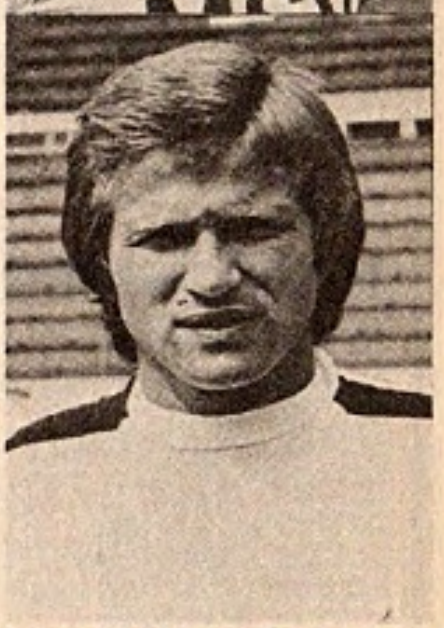
In the most dramatic finale of any *Bundesliga* season Cologne won at St. Pauli by 5-0, whilst defending champions Borussia Mönchengladbach slammed Borussia Dortmund by 12-0, but all to no avail! Cologne triumphed thanks to a superior goal difference — by just three goals!

Cologne were a shade lucky to win the Cup — 2-0 against Fortuna Düsseldorf. A crowd of 70,000 in the sold out Parkstadion in Gelsenkirchen, saw a match in which both sides missed chances galore. Fortuna were the better team, but had no strikers worthy of that description. Goals by Cullmann (71), and Van Gool (90) helped Cologne to retain the trophy. For Fortuna remained the consolation of a place in next season's Cup Winners Cup, as Cologne will play in the Champions Cup. Cologne's team: Schumacher, Konopka, Gerber, Strack, Zimmermann; Cullmann, Flohe Neumann; Van Gool, Müller, Okudera.

Staggering

Borussia's staggering 12-0 win over Dortmund, to which their veteran international Jupp Heynckes contributed five goals, was all the more remarkable as they took the field without their top player Rainer Bonhof. He was the victim of badly pulled thigh muscles and was put out of the game for at least three weeks, thus missing the initial phase of the national squad's preparations for the World Cup.

Apart from Cologne and Fortuna Düsseldorf, four other German clubs who have qualified for next season's European tournaments are Borussia Mönchengladbach, VfB Stuttgart, Hertha Berlin and MSV Duisburg, who will all play in the UEFA-Cup. Thus there is no place for Hamburg and Kevin Keegan.



Rainer Bonhof (top) Bernhard Dietz (centre) and Josef Heynckes of West Germany.

WORL

ARGENTINA

1 Filol, Ubaldo M; 21.7.50; River Plate
2 Baley, Héctor; 16.11.50; Huracan
3 Larrobe, Ricardo; 6.2.52; San Lorenzo Alm.
4 Delas, Agustin M; 22.3.45; Racing Club
5 Tarantini, Alberto C; 3.12.55; A.F.A.
6 Pagnanini, Ruben; 31.1.49; Independiente
7 Perrin, Vicente; 25.5.49; Boca Juniors
8 Bottaniz, Victor; 2.5.53; Union Santa Fe
9 Fernandez, Edgard; 21.2.52; Colon Santa Fe
10 Passarella, Daniel; 25.5.53; River Plate
11 Killer, Daniel P; 21.12.49; Racing Club
12 Caporile, Armando; 16.7.48; Newell's Old Boys
13 Mouro, Roberto; 8.1.53; Boca Juniors
14 Galvan, Luis; 24.2.48; Talleres (CBA)
15 Pizzola, Osvaldo; 6.4.47; AS St. Etienne
16 Villaverde, Hugo E; 27.1.54; Independiente
17 Olguin, Jorge; 17.5.52; S.L. de Almagro
18 Oviedo, Miguel A; 12.10.50; Talleres (Cordoba)
19 Galvan, Ruben; 7.4.52; Independiente
20 Gallego, Americo; 25.4.56; Newell's Old Boys
21 Larraquy, Pedro; 13.6.56; Velez Sarsfield
22 Larrosa, Omar; 18.11.47; Independiente
23 Ardiles, Osvaldo C; 3.8.52; Huracan
24 Ribolzi, Jorge; 25.1.53; Boca Juniors
25 Lopez, Juan José; 31.10.50; River Plate
26 Valencia, Daniel J; 3.10.55; Talleres (CBA)
27 Villa, Ricardo J; 19.8.52; Racing Club
28 Maradona, Diego A; 30.10.60; Argentinos Jrs
29 Bochini, Ricardo; 25.1.54; Independiente
30 Alonso, Norberto; 4.1.53; River Plate
31 Rocha, Juan R; 8.3.54; Newell's Old Boys
32 Houseman, René O; 19.7.58; Huracan
33 Bertoni, Daniel R; 14.3.55; Independiente
34 Mastrangelo, Ernesto; 5.7.48; Boca Juniors
35 Luque, Leopoldo J; 3.5.49; River Plate
36 Brave, Humberto; 2.2.51; Talleres (Cordoba)
37 Roldan, Omar P; 10.9.49; Velez Sarsfield
38 Gallo, Norberto; 10.10.53; Independiente
39 Kempes, Mario A; 15.7.54; Valencia FC
40 Ortiz, Oscar; 8.4.53; River Plate

AUSTRIA

1 Kanolla, Friedrich; 25.2.46; Wacker Innsbruck
2 Fleischmann, Gerhard; 23.9.47; Admira Wacker
3 Baumgartner, Hubert; 25.2.56; Austria Wien
4 Fuchsbichler, Erwin; 27.3.52; VÖEST Linz
5 Feurer, Herbert; 14.1.54; Rapid Wien
6 Pezzey, Bruno Edmund; 3.2.55; Wacker Innsbruck
7 Krieg, Werner Hubert; 6.9.47; Wacker Innsbruck
8 Marko, Erich; 27.1.55; GAK; Graz
9 Stering, Josef; 5.3.49; Wacker Innsbruck
10 Zanon, Werner; 28.8.56; Wacker Innsbruck
11 Sara, Robert; 9.6.46; Austria Wien
12 Obermayer, Erich; 23.1.53; Austria Wien
13 Prohaska, Herbert; 8.8.55; Austria Wien
14 Gasselich, Felix; 21.12.55; Austria Wien
15 Baumeister, Ernst; 22.1.57; Austria Wien
16 Strasser, Heinrich; 25.10.46; Admira Wacker
17 Pichler, Anton; 4.10.55; Sturm Graz
18 Weber, Herbert; 28.8.55; Sturm Graz
19 Breitenberger, Gerhard; 14.10.54; VÖEST Linz
20 Sara, Josef; 9.3.54; Austria Wien
21 Hasenöhrl, Günther; 26.1.52; Wiener Sport Club
22 Persidis, Peter; 6.3.47; Rapid Wien
23 Meister, Peter; 12.6.54; First Vienna FC
24 Zore, Franz; 6.2.58; SV St. Veit
25 Ritter, Gerhard; 31.12.56; FC Dornbirn
26 Daxbacher, Karl; 15.4.53; Austria Wien
27 Hattenberger, Roland; 7.12.48; VfB Stuttgart
28 Hickersberger, Josef; 27.4.48; Fortuna Düsseldorf
29 Jara, Kurt; 14.10.50; MSV Duisburg
30 Krieger, Eduard; 16.12.46; FC Brügge
31 Schermann, Johann; 25.2.49; LASK; Linz
32 Obereacher, Franz; 24.3.54; Wacker Innsbruck
33 Weist, Kurt; 26.11.54; Wacker Innsbruck
34 Pirkner, Hans; 25.3.46; Austria Wien
35 Jurtin, Gernot; 9.9.55; Sturm Graz
36 Schachner, Walter; 1.2.57; SV Donawitz
37 Krankl, Johann; 14.2.53; Rapid Wien
38 Kreuz, Wilhelm; 29.5.49; Feyenoord Rotterdam
39 Riedl, Alfred; 2.11.49; Standard Lüttich
40 Parits, Thomas; 7.10.49; Austria Wien

BRAZIL

1 Da Silva Braga, Abel Carlos; 1.9.52; Vasco da Gama
2 De Oliveira Gonçalves, Adilio; 15.5.55; Flamengo
3 Cerezo, Antonio Carlos; 21.4.56; Atlético
4 Dias dos Santos, Antonio; 7.6.49; Flamengo
5 Rondinelli Tobias, Antonio José; 26.4.54; Flamengo
6 Antunes Coimbra, Arthur; 3.3.53; Flamengo
7 Gallo, Carlos Roberto; 4.3.56; Ponte Preta
8 De Oliveira, Carlos Roberto; 13.3.54; Vasco da Gama
9 Guimarães, Dirceu José; 15.6.52; Vasco da Gama
10 De Assis, Edir Alexio; 25.5.57; Gremio
11 Nazareth Filho, Edino; 5.6.55; Fluminense
12 Leão, Emerson; 11.7.49; Palmeiras
13 De Camargo, Eneas; 18.3.54; Portuguesa
14 Avanzi, Francisco Jesuino; 30.1.49; São Paulo
15 Alves, Gilberto; 24.12.50; Botafogo
16 Nunes de Oliveira, João Batista; 20.5.54; Santa Cruz
17 Da Silva, João Batista; 8.3.55; Internacional
18 Amaral dos Santos, João Justino; 21.12.54; Corinthians
19 Pires Mendonça, Jorge; 6.6.54; Palmeiras
20 Peixoto, José Fernando; 1.10.56; Ponte Preta
21 Rodrigues Alves, José Maria; 18.5.49; Corinthians
22 Bernardi, José Oscar; 20.6.54; Ponte Preta
23 De Lima, José Reinaldo; 11.1.57; Atlético
24 Rodrigues Neto, José; 6.12.49; Botafogo
25 Preisler, José Sergio; 8.3.57; São Paulo
26 De Souza, José Tarcisio; 15.9.51; Gremio
27 Pereira, Luiz Edmundo; 21.6.50; Atletico Madrid
28 De Matos Cabral, Manoel Rosende; 26.7.50; Cruzeiro
29 De Oliveira Santos, Marcelo; 4.3.55; Atlético
30 Da Cunha Mendonca, Milton; 23.5.56; Botafogo
31 Magno, Odirlei; 26.3.52; Ponte Preta
32 Pereira, Orlando; 22.1.49; Vasco da Gama
33 Carpegiani, Paulo Cesar; 7.2.49; Flamengo
34 Falcão, Paulo Roberto; 16.10.53; Internacional
35 Piassmann, Raul Guilherme; 27.5.44; Cruzeiro
36 Rivelino, Roberto; 1.1.46; Fluminense
37 Evangelista, Romeu; 27.3.50; Corinthians
38 Peres Amada, Waldir; 2.2.51; São Paulo
39 Lucena Ramalho, Wendell; 21.11.47; Fluminense
40 Rodrigues dos Santos, Wladimir; 29.8.54; Corinthians

FRANCE

1 Baratelli, Dominique; 16.12.47; Nice
2 Bergeroo, Philippe; 13.1.54; Bordeaux
3 Bertrand-Demanes, Jean-Paul; 13.6.52; Nantes
4 Dropsy, Dominique; 9.12.51; Strasbourg
5 Rey, André; 22.1.48; Metz
6 Baronnier, Gérard; 17.1.59; Marseille
7 Battiston, Patrick; 12.3.57; Metz
8 Bossis, Maxime; 26.6.55; Nantes
9 Bracci, Francois; 31.10.51; Marseille
10 Cazes, Jean-Louis; 2.10.51; Bastia
11 Guesdon, André; 14.10.48; Bastia
12 Janvion, Gérard; 21.3.53; Saint-Etienne
13 Lopez, Christian; 15.3.53; Saint-Etienne
14 Rio, Patrice; 15.8.48; Nantes
15 Specht, Léonard; 16.4.54; Strasbourg
16 Trésor, Marius; 15.1.50; Marseille
17 Tusseau, Thierry; 19.1.58; Nantes
18 Zambelli, Alain; 9.3.57; Nice
19 Bathenay, Dominique; 13.2.54; Saint-Etienne
20 Girosse, Alain; 2.8.52; Bordeaux
21 Guillou, Jean-Marc; 20.12.45; Nice
22 Huck, Jean-Noël; 20.12.48; Nice
23 Kerlweck, Raymond; 17.6.49; Laval
24 Lacuesta, Félix; 13.2.58; Bastia
25 Michel, Henri; 20.10.47; Nantes
26 Papi, Claude; 16.4.49; Bastia
27 Petit, Jean; 25.9.49; Monaco
28 Platini, Michel; 21.6.55; Nancy
29 Sahnoun, Omar; 18.8.55; Nantes
30 Ariesse, Loic; 9.6.54; Nantes
31 Baronchelli, Bruno; 13.1.57; Nantes
32 Berdoll, Marc; 6.4.53; Marseille
33 Dalger, Christian; 18.12.49; Monaco
34 Flores, Hervé; 15.3.56; Marseille
35 Gemmrich, Albert; 13.2.55; Strasbourg
36 Lacombe, Bernard; 15.8.52; Lyon
37 Rocheteau, Dominique; 14.1.55; Saint-Etienne
38 Rouyer, Olivier; 1.12.55; Nancy
39 Six, Didier; 21.8.54; Lens
40 Soler, Gérard; 29.3.54; Sochaux

WEST GERMANY

1 Abramczik, Rüdiger; 19.2.56; Schalke 04
2 Beer, Erich; 9.12.49; Hertha BSC
3 Bongartz, Hans; 3.10.51; Schalke 04
4 Bonhof, Rainer; 29.3.52; Mönchengladbach
5 Burdenski, Dieter; 26.11.50; Werder Bremen
6 Burgsmüller, Manfred; 22.12.49; Borussia Dortmund
7 Cullmann, Bernd; 1.11.49; 1.FC Köln
8 Del'Haye, Karl; 16.8.55; Mönchengladbach
9 Dietz, Bernard; 22.3.48; MSV Duisburg
10 Fischer, Klaus; 27.12.49; Schalke 04
11 Flohe, Heinz; 28.1.48; 1.FC Köln
12 Hansen, Karl-Heinz; 25.7.56; VfB Stuttgart
13 Franke, Bernd; 12.2.48; Eintracht Braunschweig
14 Gerber, Roland; 30.5.53; 1.FC Köln
15 Hadewicz, Erwin; 2.4.51; VfB Stuttgart
16 Hölzenbein, Bernd; 9.3.46; Eintracht Frankfurt
17 Hoeness, Uli; 5.1.52; Bayern München
18 Kultz, Manfred; 6.1.53; Hamburger SV
19 Kargus, Rudi; 15.8.57; Hamburger SV
20 Konopka, Harald; 18.11.52; 1.FC Köln
21 Lameck, Michael; 15.9.49; VfL Bochum
22 Maier, Sepp; 28.2.44; Bayern München
23 Müller, Dieter; 1.4.54; 1.FC Köln
24 Müller, Hans; 24.7.57; VfB Stuttgart
25 Neumann, Herbert; 14.11.53; 1.FC Köln
26 Rummenigge, Karl-Heinz; 25.9.55; Bayern München
27 Rüssmann, Rolf; 13.10.50; Schalke 04
28 Seel, Wolfgang; 21.6.48; Fortuna Düsseldorf
29 Seliger, Rudi; 20.9.51; MSV Duisburg
30 Schumacher, Harald; 6.3.54; 1.FC Köln
31 Schwarzenbeck, Hans-Georg; 3.4.48; Bayern München
32 Strack, Gerd; 1.9.55; 1.FC Köln
33 Tenhagen, Franz-Josef; 31.10.52; VfL Bochum
34 Toppmöller, Klaus; 12.8.51; 1.FC Kaiserslautern
35 Vogts, Berti; 30.12.46; Mönchengladbach
36 Volkert, Georg; 28.11.45; Hamburger SV
37 Weiner, Hans; 29.11.50; Hertha BSC
38 Worm, Ronald; 7.10.53; MSV Duisburg
39 Zewe, Gert; 13.6.50; Fortuna Düsseldorf
40 Zimmermann, Herbert; 1.7.54; 1.FC Köln

HUNGARY

1 Balint, Laszlo; 1.2.48; FTC
2 Borsó, Janos; 18.4.53; MTK VM
3 Csapó, Karoly; 23.2.52; Tatabánya BSC
4 Csongrádi, Ferenc; 29.3.56; Videoton SC
5 Ebedli, Zoltán; 28.10.53; FTC
6 Fazekas, László; 15.10.47; Ujpesti Dózsa SC
7 Fekete, László; 14.4.54; Ujpesti Dózsa SC
8 Fülöp, Ferenc; 22.2.55; MTK VM
9 Gaál, Sándor; 8.11.51; Bp. Honvéd SE
10 Halász, István; 12.10.51; Tatabánya Bányász
11 Kántor, Mihály; 27.3.52; Bp. Vasas SC
12 Kerekes, Attila; 4.4.54; Békéscsaba Előre SC
13 Kerekes, Zoltán; 13.7.53; Szombathelyi Haladás SE
14 Kocsis, István; 6.10.49; Bp. Honvéd SE
15 Kovács, István; 21.4.53; Bp. Vasas SC
16 Kovács, László; 24.4.51; Videoton SC
17 Lukics, Sándor; 20.9.51; Bp. Honvéd SE
18 Magyar, Istvan; 26.6.55; FTC
19 Martos, Gyula; 15.12.49; FTC
20 Major, Lajos; 24.8.56; Videoton SC
21 Mészáros, Ferenc; 11.4.53; Bp. Vasas SC
22 Nagy, Antal; 17.10.56; Bp. Honvéd SE
23 Nagy II, Janos; 3.8.50; Videoton SC
24 Nagy, László; 21.10.49; U. Dózsa SC
25 P. Nagy, László; 13.11.55; Tatabányai BSC
26 Nyilasi, Tibor; 18.1.55; FTC
27 Pankóczi, Sándor; 8.12.55; Bp. Honvéd SE
28 Pásztor, József; 20.3.54; Békéscsaba Előre Spartacus
29 Pintér, Sándor; 18.7.50; Bp. Honvéd SE
30 Pusztai, László; 1.3.46; FTC
31 Rab, Tibor; 2.10.55; FTC
32 Téth, Andás; 5.9.49; U. Dózsa SC
33 Téth, József; 2.12.51; U. Dózsa SC
34 Téth, Zoltán; 29.12.55; U. Dózsa SC
35 Torocsik, Andras; 1.5.55; U. Dózsa SC
36 Torok, Peter; 16.4.51; Bp. Vasas SC
37 Varga, Istvan; 5.5.56; MTK VM
38 Váradi, Béla; 12.4.53; Bp. Vasas SC
39 Vögh, Tibor; 31.3.56; Videoton SC
40 Zámbori, Sándor; 31.10.51; Bp. Vasas SC

IRAN

1 Hejazi, Nasser; 1960; Shahbaz
2 Movafat, Bahram; 1951; Sepahan
3 Faryadsharan, Nader; 1956; Bargh
4 Rashidi, Mansoor; 1949; Rastakhiz
5 Karbandi, Mohammad Reza; 1951; Zobahan
6 Nazari, Hassan; 1956; Taj
7 Ghashghaian, Alireza; 1955; Bargh
8 Eskandarian, Andranik; 1952; Taj
9 Kazerani, Hossein; 1948; Pas
10 Abdullahi, Nasrullah; 1951; Shahbaz
11 Shoja'i, Ali; 1954; Zobahan
12 Nayebagha, Hassan; 1951; Homa
13 Parvin, Ali; 1947; Persepolis
14 Allahverdi, Javad; 1954; Persepolis
15 Panjali, Mohammad; 1955; Persepolis
16 Haghighian, Mahmood; 1955; Shahbaz
17 Dehkhar, Iraj; 1951; Taj
18 Ghasempoor, Ibrahim; 1957; Shahbaz
19 Fariba, Behrooh; 1956; Pas
20 Sadeghi, Mohammad; 1952; Persepolis
21 Ebrahimzadeh, Mahmood; 1954; Zobahan
22 Adelkhani, Reza; 1948; Shahbaz
23 Roshan, Hassan; 1954; Taj
24 Farahi, Hossein; 1956; Pas
25 Fadakar, Hossein; 1956; Dara'i
26 Alizoosti, Hamid; 1956; Dara'i
27 Khani, Moslem; 1959; Dara'i
28 Jahani, Shakoor; 1950; Malavan
29 Yousefi, Mohsen; 1955; Dara'i
30 Khadempeer, Abdulrazagh; 1956; Rastakhiz
31 Beshkar, Majid; 1956; Rastakhiz
32 Noorai, Naser; 1953; Homa
33 Darri, Mohammad; 1952; Marvon
34 Sardakhani, Kazem; 1956; Machinsazi
35 Mahkeen, Parviz; 1952; Taj
36 Dinvarzadeh, Mehdi; 1954; Shahbaz
37 Majdayemoori, Hamid; 1954; Shahbaz
38 Tehrani, Khaksar; 1953; Taj
39 Khalilian, Kamal; 1954; Pas
40 Ghelighkhani, Parviz; 1946; Earthquake FC

ITALY

1 Albertosi, Enrico; 2.11.39; Milan
2 Antognoni, Giancarlo; 1.4.54; Fiorentina

D CUP 40s

3 Bagni, Salvatore; 25.9.56; Perugia
4 Bellugi, Mauro; 7.2.50; Bologna
5 Benetti, Romeo; 20.10.45; Juventus
6 Bet, Aldo; 26.3.49; Milan
7 Bettega, Roberto; 27.12.50; Juventus
8 Bordon, Ivano; 13.4.51; Inter
9 Cabrini, Antonio; 8.10.57; Juventus
10 Canuti, Nazzareno; 15.1.56; Inter
11 Capello, Fabio; 18.6.46; Milan
12 Causio, Franco; 1.2.49; Juventus
13 Colleval, Fulvio; 9.5.57; Milan
14 Conti, Paolo; 1.4.50; Roma
15 Cuccureddu, Antonello; 3.10.49; Juventus
16 Di Bartolomei, Agostino; 8.4.55; Roma
17 Facchetti, Giacinto; 18.7.42; Inter
18 Fanna, Pietro; 23.6.58; Juventus
19 Galli, Giovanni; 29.4.56; Fiorentina
20 Gentile, Claudio; 27.9.53; Juventus
21 Graziani, Francesco; 16.12.52; Torino
22 Maldera, Aldo; 14.10.53; Juventus
23 Manfredonia, Lionello; 27.11.56; Lazio
24 Morini, Francesco; 12.8.44; Juventus
25 Mozzini, Roberto; 22.10.51; Torino
26 Novellino, Walter; 7.10.49; Perugia
27 Orsali, Gabriele; 25.11.52; Inter
28 Pecci, Eraldo; 12.4.56; Torino
29 Pin, Livio; 23.1.53; Napoli
30 Prezzo, Roberto; 1.4.55; Genova
31 Puricl, Paolino; 27.4.50; Torino
32 Rossi, Paolo; 23.9.56; Vicenza
33 Sala, Claudio; 8.9.47; Torino
34 Sala, Patrizio; 16.6.55; Torino
35 Santarini, Sergio; 10.9.47; Roma
36 Savoldi, Giuseppe; 21.1.47; Napoli
37 Scirea, Gaetano; 25.5.53; Juventus
38 Torcelli, Marco; 24.9.54; Juventus
39 Zaccarelli, Renato; 18.1.51; Torino
40 Zoff, Dino; 28.2.42; Juventus

MEXICO

1 Pilar Reyes, José
2 Garcia Rulfo, Jorge
3 Soto Moreno, Pedro
4 Castrejón R, Francisco
5 Najera S, Manuel
6 Rodriguez Jara, Juan
7 Rayo Márquez, Arturo
8 Flores Ocaranza, Ignacio
9 Tena Sandoval, Alfredo
10 Cisneros D, Rigoberto
11 Ramos E, Eduardo
12 Gomez Castillo, Carlos
13 Guzmán Colín, Javier
14 Rangel Pacheco, Eduardo
15 Alvarez A, Juan Manuel
16 Vásquez Ayala, Arturo
17 De la Torre J, Ramón
18 Martínez Díaz, Jesús
19 Real Castillo, José Luis
20 De la Torre V, Antonio
21 Mendizabal, Guillermo
22 Cuellar Rivera, Leonardo
23 Cárdenas Martínez, Javier
24 García López, Javier
25 Solís, Francisco Javier
26 Galván E, Manuel
27 Luja Gómez, Gerardo
28 López Zarza, Enrique
29 Ortega Martínez, Cristóbal
30 Montoya Villegas, Rodolfo
31 Medina Rojas, Mario
32 Rangel Ayala, Víctor
33 Rodríguez C, Hugo René
34 Aceves F, José de Jesús
35 Jiménez Ramírez, Alfredo
36 Isiordia Aytón, Raúl
37 Sánchez Márquez, Hugo
38 López Sánchez, José Luis
39 Marco Ponce, Agustín
40 García Aldrete, Bernardino

HOLLAND

1 Arts, Petrus Wilhelmus; 5.7.53; AZ '67
2 Boskamp, Johannes; 21.10.48; RWDM
3 Brandts, Erny W J; 3.2.56; PSV
4 Dusbaba, Karel Eduard Jorgen; 14.3.56; Anderlecht
5 Haregem, van, Willem; 20.2.45; AZ '67
6 Hovenkamp, Hugo Hermanus; 5.10.50; AZ '67
7 Jansen, Wilhelmus Martinus A; 28.10.48; Feijenoord
8 Jol, Maarten Cornelis; 16.1.55; FC den Haag
9 Jongbloed, Jan; 25.11.40; Roda JC
10 Kerkhof, van der, Reinier Lambertus; 15.9.51; PSV
11 Kerkhof, van der, Willemus Antonius; 16.9.51; PSV
12 Kraaij, van, Adrianus A C; 1.8.58; PSV
13 Krol, Rudolf Jozef; 24.3.49; Ajax
14 Laling, Tscheu; 6.1.56; Ajax
15 Metgod, Johannes Antonius B; 27.2.58; AZ '67
16 Muehren, Arnoldus Johannes H; 2.6.51; FC Twente
17 Neskens, Johan; 15.9.51; Barcelona
18 Peters, Johannes Wilhelmus M; 18.8.54; AZ '67
19 Poortvliet, Jan; 21.9.55; PSV
20 Rensenbrink, Robert Pieter; 3.7.47; Anderlecht
21 Rep, John Nicolaas; 25.11.51; Bastia
22 Rijsbergen, Wilhelmus Gerardus; 18.1.52; Feijenoord
23 Schrijvers, Pieter; 15.12.46; Ajax
24 Suurbier, Willem Laurens J; 16.1.46; Schalke 04
25 Tahamata, Simon Mikianus; 26.5.56; Ajax
26 Thijssen, Franciscus J; 23.1.52; FC Twente
27 Vermeulen, Petrus Hendrik; 16.3.56; Roda JC
28 Wildschut, Pieter; 25.10.57; FC Twente
29 Nanninga, Dirk Jacobus W; 17.1.49; Roda JC
30 Brex, de, Nico; 16.9.44; Anderlecht
31 Doesburg, Willem; 28.10.43; Sparta
32 Drost, Eilert; 21.9.45; FC Twente
33 Gerven, van, Andreas Hendricus M; 6.10.52; FC Twente
34 Haan, Arend; 16.11.48; Anderlecht
35 Leeuwen, van, Hendrik; 2.4.51; FC den Haag
36 Meustege, Willem Jan; 28.7.52; Sparta
37 Schoenaker, Dirk Hendrikus; 30.11.52; Ajax
38 Valke, Michael; 24.6.59; Sparta
39 Veen, van, Leonardus Jacobus; 6.6.56; FC Utrecht
40 Lubse, Henricus C G; 23.9.51; PSV

PERU

1 Quiroga, Ramón; 23.7.50; S. Cristal
2 Navarro, Jorge; 24.9.48; S. Cristal
3 Loayza, German; 2.1.54; D. Municipal
4 Chumpitaz, Hector; 12.4.44; S. Cristal
5 Díaz, Toribio; 17.4.52; S. Cristal
6 Velásquez, José; 4.8.52; Alianza Lima
7 Quesada, Alfredo; 22.9.49; S. Cristal
8 Mañanle, Juan; 12.7.48; Unión de México
9 Rojas, Percy; 16.9.49; S. Cristal
10 Cubillas, Teofilo; 8.3.49; Alianza Lima
11 Oblitas, Juan; 16.2.51; S. Cristal
12 Sartor, Ottorino; 18.9.46; C.N.I.
13 Soria, Eleazar; 11.1.49; S. Cristal
14 Reyna, Carlos; 26.9.46; Melgar
15 Duarte, Jaime; 27.2.55; Alianza Lima
16 Rojas, Roberto; 26.10.55; Alianza Lima
17 Gorriti, Hadi; 10.10.56; S. Cristal
18 Cueto, Cesar; 16.6.52; Alianza Lima
19 Iberti, Arturo; 18.1.53; Sport Boys
20 Mesquera, Roberto; 21.6.56; S. Cristal
21 Sotil, Hugo; 18.5.48; Alianza Lima
22 Ramírez, Oswaldo; 28.3.49; S. Cristal
23 Cáceres, Juan; 27.12.49; Alianza Lima
24 Reyes, Alvaro; 16.11.56; Sport Boys
25 Navarro, Lizandro; 20.4.51; C.N.I.
26 Munoz, Rodulfo; 5.6.49; D. Municipal
27 Trigueros, Antonio; 17.1.48; Universitario
28 Bonelli, Pedro; 20.10.56; Sport Boys
29 Salguero, Salvador; 10.8.51; Alianza Lima
30 Zegarra, Andrés; 15.3.47; D. Municipal
31 Labarthe, Ernesto; 2.5.56; Sport Boys
32 Vásquez, José; 18.6.57; Bolognesi
33 Paredes, Henry; 30.3.50; Alianza Lima
34 González, José; 10.7.54; Alianza Lima
35 Balgorria, Gerardo; 19.1.50; Bolognesi
36 Mellin, Ramón; 5.4.47; U.S.A.
37 Lucas, Alejandro; 11.1.56; Universitario
38 Barbadillo, Geronimo; 24.9.52; México
39 Ravello, Freddy; 28.1.53; Alianza Lima
40 La Rosa, Guillermo; 6.6.52; Alianza Lima

POLAND

1 Tomaszewski, Jan; 9.1.46; LKS Lodz
2 Kulka, Zygmunt; 21.1.48; Stal Mielec
3 Kostrzewa, Zdzislaw; 26.10.55; Zaglebie Sosnowiec
4 Mowlik, Piotr; 21.4.51; Lech Poznan
5 Sobieski, Krzysztof; 25.7.50; Legia Warszawa
6 Zmuda, Wladyslaw; 6.6.54; Slask Wroclaw
7 Szymanowski, Antoni; 13.1.51; Wisla Krakow
8 Gorgon, Jerzy; 18.7.49; Gornik Zabrze
9 Szewczyk, Jozef; 17.2.50; Lech Poznan
10 Jusiak, Miroslaw; 23.9.46; Lech Poznan
11 Maculewicz, Henryk; 24.4.50; Wisla Krakow
12 Majewski, Stefan; 31.1.50; Zawisza Bydgoszcz
13 Wojcicki, Roman; 8.1.58; Odra Opole
14 Sobczynski, Stanislaw; 2.4.51; Legia Warszawa
15 Rudy, Wojciech; 24.10.52; Zaglebie Sosnowiec
16 Wawrowski, Henryk; 25.9.49; Pogon Szczecin
17 Wijas, Rudolf; 9.8.56; Szombierki Bytom
18 Dziuba, Marek; 19.12.56; LKS Lodz
19 Deyna, Kazimierz; 23.10.47; Legia Warszawa
20 Kasperczak, Henryk; 10.7.46; Stal Mielec
21 Boniek, Zbigniew; 3.3.56; Widzew Lodz
22 Kupcewicz, Janusz; 9.12.55; Arka Gdynia
23 Kwiatkowski, Zbigniew; 4.2.48; Odra Opole
24 Erlich, Jan; 9.1.47; Slask Wroclaw
25 Szymura, Emil; 10.3.54; Gornik Zabrze
26 Banas, Janusz; 16.1.57; Legia Warszawa
27 Ciolkiewicz, Lesław; 25.8.48; Legia Warszawa
28 Maszbler, Bronislaw; 19.9.49; LKS Lodz
29 Kapka, Zdzislaw; 7.12.54; Wisla Krakow
30 Nawalka, Adam; 23.10.57; Wisla Krakow
31 Lato, Grzegorz; 8.4.50; Stal Mielec
32 Szarmach, Andrzej; 3.10.50; Stal Mielec
33 Kusto, Marek; 29.4.54; Legia Warszawa
34 Lubanski, Wlodzimierz; 28.2.47; Lokeren Belgia
35 Iwan, Andrzej; 10.11.58; Wisla Krakow
36 Marur, Wlodzimierz; 18.4.54; Zaglebie Sosnowiec
37 Dworczyk, Jerzy; 6.12.55; Zaglebie Sosnowiec
38 Tyc, Wojciech; 15.05.50; Odra Opole
39 Terlecki, Stanislaw; 13.11.55; LKS Lodz
40 Sybis, Janusz; 10.10.52; Slask Wroclaw

SCOTLAND

1 Clark, Robert B; 26.9.45; Aberdeen
2 Rough, Alan; 25.11.51; Partick Thistle
3 Brownlie, John; 11.3.52; Hibernian
4 Jardine, William; 31.12.48; Rangers
5 Kennedy, Stuart Robert; 31.5.53; Aberdeen
6 Donachie, William; 5.10.51; Manchester City
7 Buchan, Martin McLean; 6.3.49; Manchester United
8 Forsyth, Thomas; 23.1.49; Rangers
9 McQueen, Gordon; 26.6.52; Manchester United
10 Masson, Donald; 26.8.46; Derby County
11 Rioch, Bruce David; 6.9.47; Derby County
12 Gemmill, Archibald; 24.3.47; Notts Forest
13 Hartford, Richard Asa; 24.10.50; Manchester City
14 Jordan, Joseph; 15.12.51; Manchester United
15 Macari, Luigi; 7.6.49; Manchester United
16 Dalglish, Kenneth; 4.3.51; Liverpool
17 Johnston, William; 19.12.46; West Bromwich
18 Gray, Andrew Muller; 30.11.55; Aston Villa
19 Harper, Joseph M; 11.1.46; Aberdeen
20 Graham, Arthur; 26.10.52; Leeds United
21 Johnstone, Derek; 4.11.53; Rangers
22 Souness, Graeme; 6.5.53; Liverpool
23 Burns, Kenneth; 23.9.53; Nottingham Forest
24 Blackley, John; 12.5.48; Newcastle Utd
25 Miller, William F; 2.5.55; Aberdeen
26 Blyth, James Anton; 2.2.55; Coventry City
27 Stewart, James; 9.3.54; Kilmarnock
28 Stewart, David; 11.3.47; Leeds United
29 Wark, John; 4.8.57; Ipswich Town
30 McNab, Neil; 4.6.57; Tottenham Hotspur
31 Fitzpatrick, Anthony; 3.3.56; St. Mirren
32 Aitken, Roy; 24.11.54; Celtic
33 Payne, Graeme; 13.2.56; Dundee United
34 McGarvey, Francis; 17.3.56; St Mirren
35 Robertson, John; 20.1.53; Nottingham Forest
36 Wallace, Ian Andrew; 23.5.56; Coventry City
37 Narey, David; 12.6.56; Dundee United
38 Hegarty, Paul; 25.7.54; Dundee United
39 MacDonald, Roderick; 30.8.54; Celtic
40 Gray, Frank; 27.10.54; Leeds United

SPAIN

1 Alabanda, Sebastián; 31.10.50; Real Betis Balompie
2 Alonso, Carlos; 23.8.52; Real Madrid CF
3 Alonso, Angel; 17.12.54; Real Zaragoza CD
4 Alvarez, Francisco Javier; 1.2.50; Real Sporting
5 Arconada, Luis; 25.8.54; Real Sociedad
6 Artola, Pedro; 6.9.48; FC Barcelona
7 Asensi, Juan Manuel; 23.9.49; FC Barcelona
8 Benito, Gregorio; 21.10.46; Real Madrid CF
9 Benurdo Miguel; 19.12.51; FC Barcelona
10 Biosca, Antonio; 8.12.48; Real Betis Balompié
11 Cano, Rubén Andrés; 5.2.51; Atletico Madrid
12 Candelas, Julio; 27.10.49; Real Betis Balompie
13 Carrete, José; 7.4.51; Valencia CF
14 Castro, Enrique; 23.9.49; Real Sporting
15 De la Cruz, Jesús Antonio; 7.5.47; FC Barcelona
16 Churruca, Ignacio; 28.1.49; Athletic Club
17 Fernández, José Luis; 19.2.56; Valencia CF
18 Gómez, Juan; 10.11.54; Real Madrid CF
19 González, Francisco Javier; 17.2.52; RCD Español
20 Gordillo, Rafael; 24.2.57; Real Betis Balompié
21 Guzmán, Antonio; 2.12.53; AD Roya Vallecano
22 González, Miguel Angel; 24.12.47; Real Madrid CF
23 Lanchas, Angel; 7.2.50; RCD Español
24 Leal, Eugenio; 13.5.53; Atletico Madrid
25 López, Francisco; 18.10.50; Real Betis Balompié
26 López-Ufarte, Roberto; 19.4.58; Real Sociedad
27 Martínez, José; 11.3.45; Real Madrid CF
28 Olmo, Antonio; 18.1.54; FC Barcelona
29 Pérez, Marcelino; 13.8.55; Atletico Madrid
30 Rexach, Carlos; 13.1.47; FC Barcelona
31 Rojo, José Francisco; 26.1.47; Athletic Club
32 Ruiz, Carlos; 7.5.49; Athletic Club
33 Ruiz-Balza, Daniel; 28.6.51; Athletic Club
34 Pérez, Rafael Carlos; 23.6.48; RCD Español
35 Satrustegui, Jesús M; 12.2.54; Real Sociedad
36 Solsona, Daniel; 19.1.52; RCD Español
37 San José, Isidoro; 27.10.56; Real Madrid CF
38 Verdugo, Juan; 22.5.49; RCD Español
39 Villar, Angel María; 21.1.50; Athletic Club
40 Zamora, Jesús M; 1.1.55; Real Sociedad

WORLD CUP CHART

Argentina '78

First Final Round

Group I		2.6. 1 2	6.6. 2 1	10.6.
Buenos Aires	19.15h.	HUNGARY v. ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA v. FRANCE	ITALY v. ARGENTINA 1-0
Mar del Plata	13.45h.	FRANCE v. ITALY 1-2	ITALY v. HUNGARY 3-1	FRANCE v. HUNGARY 3-1

Group II		1.6. (Opening Match)		
Buenos Aires	15.00h.	GERMANY FR v. POLAND	0-0	
		2.6.	6.6.	10.6.
Rosario	16.45h.	TUNISIA v. MEXICO	POLAND v. TUNISIA 1-0	MEXICO v. POLAND 1-1
Cordoba	16.45h.	3-1	MEXICO v. GERMANY FR 0-6	TUNISIA v. GERMANY FR 0-0

Group III		3.6. 1-2	7.6.	11.6.
Buenos Aires (V.S.)	13.45h.	SPAIN v. AUSTRIA	AUSTRIA v. SWEDEN 1-0	SWEDEN v. SPAIN 0-1
Mar Del Plata	13.45h.	SWEDEN v. BRAZIL 1-1	BRAZIL v. SPAIN 0-0	BRAZIL v. AUSTRIA 1-0

Group IV		3.6.	7.6.	11.6
Cordoba	16.45h.	PERU v. SCOTLAND 3-1	SCOTLAND v. IRAN 1-1	PERU v. IRAN 4-1
Mendoza	16.45h.	IRAN v. NETHERLANDS 0-3	NETHERLANDS v. PERU 0-0	SCOTLAND v. NETHERLANDS 3 2

Winner:	Group I = **A1**	Group II = **B6**	Group III = **A3**	Group IV = **B8**
Second:	Group I = **B5**	Group II = **A2**	Group III = **B7**	Group IV = **A4**

Second Final Round

Group A	14.6.—13.45h	18.6.—16.45h	21.6.—13.45h
Buenos Aires	A2 v. A1	A1 v. A3	A4 v. A1
Cordoba	A3 v. A4	A4 v. A2	A3 v. A2

A1 or B5: if Argentina: 19.15h.

Group B	14.6.—16.45h	18.6.—13.45h	21.6.—16.45h
Rosario	B6 v. B5	B5 v. B7	B8 v. B5
Mendoza	B7 v. B8	B8 v. B6	B7 v. B6

3rd Place Match

24.6. 15.00h. Buenos Aires Second A v. Second B

Final

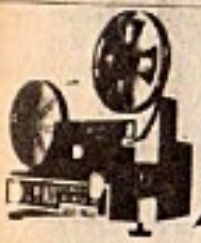
25.6. 15.00h. Buenos Aires Winner A v. Winner B

OVERSEAS CUSTOMER SERVICE
Films and records supplied to soccer fans throughout the world. Despatch charges quoted on request. Send inquiries to: OVERSEAS CUSTOMER SERVICE at address given below.

SOCCER FILMS

8MM HOME MOVIES

Relive great moments of soccer; thrill again to the great goalscorers on your own 8mm projector. The world's biggest range of home movie FA and League Cup Finals, World Cup, European Cup and International games. Films produced and edited to include all goals from TV and Newsreel coverage. Send 40p for brochure of full range: or payment with order for any examples given below.



NEW SILENT MOVIE PROJECTOR OFFER

£19.50

If you haven't got a movie projector, then start your own soccer film library with this fabulous offer. Electrically operated automatic threading. Shows Super 8 movies on 50ft, 100ft and 200ft reels. Operating instructions supplied. Add £1.00 post and packing. Shows B/W and colour SILENT FILMS.

HANGING SCREEN: Available at £3.50 extra. Add 50p post and packing.

PRICES

SILENT: 50ft b/w £2, colour £4.65; 100ft b/w £3.65, colour £7.95; 150ft b/w £4.85, colour £10.95; 200ft b/w £6.30, colour £13.65; 300ft b/w £8.90, 300ft colour £19.50; 400ft b/w £11.75, 400ft colour £29.75.
SOUND: 200ft colour £17.20; 300ft colour £26.25; 400ft b/w £20; 400ft colour £33.

SEE BELOW FOR B/W REELS AVAILABLE
*** DENOTES WHERE COLOUR VERSION ALSO AVAILABLE.**

IMPORTANT: All films available in Super 8. Note that 50ft, 100ft, 200ft and 400ft refers to reel size, not exact length of film.

PLEASE ADD 30p PER FILM FOR ORDERS IN U.K./EIRE

FA CUP FINALS

* 1977 Man. Utd 2, Liv'pool 1 ..... 200ft
Also col SOUND £17.20
* 1976 S'hampton 1, Man. Utd 0 ..... 200ft
Also col SOUND £17.20
* 1975 West Ham 2, Fulham 0 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Liverpool 3, N'castle 0 ..... 200ft
* 1973 Sunderland 1, Leeds 0 ..... 200ft
1973 Semi: Sunderland 2, Arsenal 1 ..... 50ft
1973 Semi: Leeds 1, Wolves 0 ..... 100ft
*1972 Leeds 1, Arsenal 0 ..... 100ft
*1971 Arsenal 2, Liverpool 1 ..... 200ft
1970 Chelsea 2, Leeds 2 ..... 100ft
1970 Chelsea 2, Leeds 1 ..... 100ft
1969 Man City 1, Leicester 0 ..... 100ft
1968 WBA 1, Everton 0 ..... 200ft
1967 Spurs 2, Chelsea 1 ..... 200ft
1966 Everton 3, Sheff. Wed. 2 ..... 300ft
1965 Liverpool 2, Leeds 1 ..... 200ft
1964 West Ham 3, Preston 2 ..... 200ft
1963 Man. Utd. 3, Leicester 1 ..... 200ft
1962 Spurs 3, Burnley 1 ..... 100ft
1960 Wolves 3, Blackburn 0 ..... 100ft
1959 Nott'ham F. 2, Luton 1 ..... 100ft
1958 Bolton 2, Man. Utd. 0 ..... 100ft
1957 Aston Villa 2, Man. Utd. 1 ..... 100ft
1953 Blackpool 4, Bolton 3 ..... 100ft
1954 to 1956 also available 100ft

WORLD CUP

* 1974 W. Germany 2, Holland 1 ..... 200ft
*1974 W. Germany 4, Sweden 2 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Holland 2, Brazil 0 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Holland 4, Argentina 0 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Holland 4, Bulgaria 1 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Yugoslavia 9, Zaire 0 ..... 200ft
* 1974 Sweden 2, Yugoslavia 1 ..... 200ft
Above films also available in 400ft b/w and colour silent. 400ft b/w and colour sound
* 1970 Brazil 4, Italy 1 ..... 200ft
* 1970 Italy 4, W. Germany 3 ..... 200ft
* 1970 England 2, W. Germany 3 ..... 200ft
* 1966 England 4, W. Germany 2 ..... 200ft & 400ft
Also colour sound 200ft
1966 England 2, Portugal 1 ..... 200ft
1966 Hungary 3, Brazil 1 ..... 200ft
1966 Korea 3, Portugal 5 ..... 200ft
1962, 1958 and 1954 WORLD CUPS also available

EUROPEAN CUP

* 1977 L'pool 3, Borussia MGB 1 ..... 200ft/300ft
Also 200ft col SOUND £17.20
Also 300ft col SOUND £26.25
* 1976 B. Munich 1, St. Etienne 0 ..... 200ft/400ft
also 400ft b/w and colour sound
* 1976 B. Munich 2, Leeds 0 ..... 150ft
1972 Ajax 2, Inter Milan 0 ..... 200ft
1971 Ajax 2, Panath'naikos 0 ..... 100ft
1970 Feyenoord 2, Celtic 1 ..... 200ft
1969 Milan 4, Ajax 1 ..... 200ft
1968 Man Utd 4, Benfica 1 ..... 200ft/400ft
1966 Man. Utd. 3, Madrid 3 (semi-final) 200ft
1967 Celtic 2, Inter Milan 1 ..... 200ft/400ft
1966 Man. Utd. 5, Benfica 1 ..... 200ft
1963 Milan 2, Benfica 1 ..... 200ft
1960 R. Madrid 7, Eintracht 3 ..... 200ft 400ft

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

1963 Spurs 5, At. Madrid 1 ..... 200ft
1965 West Ham 2, TSV Munich 0 ..... 200ft

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

* 1977 Aston V. 3, Everton 2 ..... 200ft
Also col SOUND £17.20
* 1976 Man. City 2, Newcastle 1 ..... 200ft
* 1975 Aston Villa 1, Norwich 0 ..... 100ft
* 1974 Wolves 2, Man. City 1 ..... 100ft
1973 Spurs 1, Norwich 0 ..... 100ft
1972 Stoke 2, Chelsea 1 ..... 200ft
1971 Spurs 2, Aston Villa 0 ..... 50ft
1967 Q.P.R. 3, W.B.A. 2 ..... 200ft

EURO NATIONS CUP

*1976 Czecho 7, W. Germany 5 ..... 400ft
Also b/w & col SOUND 400ft

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

1968 Newcastle 3, Man. City 4 ..... 200ft

INTERNATIONALS

* 1977 England 0, Holland 2 ..... 200/400ft
Also 200ft/400ft col SOUND
1976 Scotland 2, England 1 ..... 200ft/400ft
also 400ft b/w sound
1975 England 5, Scotland 1 ..... 200ft
also 400ft b/w sound
1975 Five-goal Super Mac 200ft
Also 400ft b/w sound
1969 England 4, Scotland 1 ..... 200ft
1967 Scotland 3, England 2 ..... 400ft
1953 Hungary 6, England 3 ..... 100ft
also 100ft b/w sound £5.30

SPECIALS

GIANTS OF BRAZIL 400ft
Also 400ft b/w SOUND £20.
PELE — Prince of soccer 200ft
* SIX-GOAL HURST 50ft
SIX GOAL BEST 50ft

SCOTTISH CUP FINALS

1976 Rangers 3, Hearts 1 ..... 200ft 400ft
Also 400ft B/W sound
* 1973 Rangers 3, Celtic 2 ..... 200ft
* 1972 Celtic 6, Hibs 1 ..... 100ft

FOUR GREAT NEW RELEASES

1978 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Nott'ham Forest v. Liverpool. Allow 30 days after match for production and delivery.
200ft reel b/w silent £6.30
200ft reel col silent £13.65
200ft reel col sound £17.20

SCOTLAND WORLD CUP '78
Scotland's victories over Czechoslovakia and Wales on one reel.
400ft reel b/w silent £11.75
400ft reel col silent £29.75
400ft reel col sound £33.00
Available from May.

1977 ENGLAND 2, ITALY 0
200ft reel b/w silent £6.30
200ft reel col silent £13.65
200ft reel col sound £17.20
Available from May.

1977 SCOTLAND 2, ENGLAND 1
400ft reel b/w silent £11.75
400ft reel col silent £29.75
400ft reel col sound £33.00
Available from May.

Please add 30p per film for orders in U.K./Eire.

£2.95 each

SOCCER RECORD ALBUMS

Commentary highlights edited from BBC RADIO broadcasts where available. Special containers used for postal despatch.

1977 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL
Liverpool v. Borussia MGB
1977 BATTLE OF THE GIANTS
Manchester Utd v. Liverpool
1977 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Villa's Hat-trick
1976 UEFA CUP
Liverpool v. Bruges
1976 FA CUP FINAL
Super Saints!
1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Man. City v. Newcastle
1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND
Rangers v. Hearts
1975 F.A. CUP FINAL
Hail To The Hammers!
1975 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Viva The Villa!
1974 FA CUP FINAL
Liverpool's Cup
1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Wonderful Wolves!
1973 FA CUP FINAL
Sunderland's Cup
1973 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Spurs v. Norwich
1972 FA CUP FINAL
Leeds v. Arsenal
1972 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Salute to Stoke!
1971 FA CUP FINAL
Arsenal v. Liverpool
1971 EURO CUP WINNERS
Chelsea v. R. Madrid
1971 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Spurs v. Aston Villa
1970 FA CUP FINAL
Chelsea's Cup
1966/70 WORLD CUP
Finals & Semi-Finals
1968 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL
Man. Utd. v. Benfica
CELTIC SOUVENIR
Famous Celtic victories

NEW RELEASE

1978 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Nottingham Forest v Liverpool

All the thrills and highlights of this exciting clash between Brian Clough's brilliant championship side and Bob Paisley's veteran campaigners.
Allow 30 days after match result for production and delivery.

Send all order and inquiries to

QUALITY PRODUCTS (Romford) LIMITED
Dept. FM41, 43 Victoria Road, Romford
Essex RM1 2DD Tel. Romford 28413

LESLIE VERNON looks back over the 197

LIKE the exaggerated news of Mark Twain's death, the current fashionable euphoria surrounding our football is highly exaggerated. Looking back on a season in which England once again failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals, the U-21 team were beaten in the semi-finals of the European Championship, and our UEFA-Youth representatives couldn't get past the first hurdle in the annual tournament (no-one calls it "Little World Cup" when we lose!), the talk of a 'new dawn' has a touch of self-kidology about it. Nevertheless, no curate's egg is wholly bad, and there are, of course, inevitable signs of improvement and perhaps some realistic hope of a brighter future.

The best thing that happened during the season was the appointment of Ron Greenwood as national team manager, and his subsequent re-structuring of the coaching set-up, vis-a-vis the running of the representative sides on various levels. Ron is a remarkably patient man, and is unwilling to complain, but to the neutral observer, our preparations for important internationals are still ridiculously haphazard.

Two days before the recent Brazil match, only ten players bothered to turn up at the England H.Q., and eventually, the off-form Channon and the inexperienced Deehan had to be asked to sit on the substitutes' bench. Luckily, Brazil committed football suicide by panicking in the face of comparatively pedestrian opposition, and instead of playing their own brand of touch football, they resorted to brutalities which made me cringe in my seat.

This Don Quixote-like attitude acted as a spur to England, and gradually 'the windmills' got on top and fully deserved the equalizer. After the England goal, Brazil began to play again, and demonstrated what idiots they were not to stick to football for 90 minutes. But how some sportswriters could have assessed that "England outclassed Brazil" at Wembley still puzzles me — perhaps they were counting the fouls, not the number of accurate passes!

Liverpool players were not available for that match, neither was anyone from Nottingham Forest or a number of other clubs, who were engaged in playing-off the backlog of their League matches.

This state of affairs would not be tolerated anywhere else in the world — especially not in the context of a highly prestigious friendly which yielded £500,000 at the box-office. Aren't the cash customers entitled to see the best?

First choices

The argument — futile in my view — that it wasn't a competitive match, certainly doesn't apply to the Under-21 internationals. Yet, Dave Sexton had to select practically a different squad for each game, because the "first choices" were busy elsewhere.

This farce was compounded by the surprise non-arrival of Phil Boyer for the Yugoslavia game, because communications broke down between such far-flung places as Manchester and Southampton. Is it any wonder that England were eliminated?

Brian Clough and Peter Taylor were both "delighted" when they were asked to assist with the England Youth team. That was back in December — since then they have made a one half-hour appearance (correct me if I am wrong!) in the dressing room at Crystal Palace when we played France. They didn't go to Poland for the UEFA Tournament because Nottingham Forest had a couple of meaningless League games to play. (They had already won the Championship!)

Was it absolutely necessary for Brian Clough to stay with his clubside — remember we are talking about the same man who went on a week's holiday in Spain during a crucial time of the season. That was "style", and I admire his unfailing touch of 'motivating' his players. But couldn't the very same self-confessed patriot spend a week in Poland furthering the cause of England's football future? Or if he was so busy at home, couldn't Peter Taylor have gone?

These observations don't intend to cast a shadow on Brian's integrity or Ken Burton's ability to bring the best out of his youngsters. But even Greenwood cannot build a solid foundation without bricks and straws. And if the clubs insist on putting their own selfish interests above those of England, if Ron's team of coaches are conspicuous by their absence at vital games, then we shall still be talking about the arrival of a 'new dawn' in 1982, after we have failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

The standard of the Championship race was slightly above average — English domestic football still provides a good spectacle, because the teams' styles of play compliment each other. Nottingham Forest led the way with positive football, although I only saw them play really well twice — at Old Trafford in the League, and at Leeds in the League Cup. Perhaps I was unlucky to catch them on their off-days in London, because to go through the entire season with only four defeats (three in the League, one in the F.A. Cup) is a magnificent achievement.

The acquisition of Burns, Gemmill, Shilton and Needham was obviously important, but how many other clubs bought four (or more!) players without any comparable measure of success?

Most of the teams attempted to play attacking football and the really attractive ones had a man wide on the wing. The decline of Q.P.R. as one of the finest exponents of 'total football', and the relegation of West Ham were the most depressing features.

Both Cup competitions provided the usual quota of surprises and excitement. One can only say that Nottingham Forest 'nicked' the League Cup from Liverpool, while Ipswich

What is euphoric

thoroughly deserved their Wembley triumph. In an exceptionally dramatic semi-final, Bobby Robson's team defeated West Bromwich Albion 3-1, showing all the best qualities of British football. Guts, bravery, combativeness, self-confidence and a fair amount of skill.

The very same attributes won them the Cup in a Final which was a good advertisement for football itself. The display of man-of-the-match Clive Woods at Wembley, reminds me of yet another vexed question. Is he a 'luxury player'?

Fashionable

This currently fashionable label has been attached to such people as Currie, George, Gordon Hill. Recently I spent some time in the company of the Watford players in the cause of a journalistic assignment. One of them opened our conversation with the charming remark that there was no point in talking to me since I had wrong ideas about football.

"What makes you say that?" I asked, fearing for my livelihood in the light of the forthcoming revelation. "I heard you say earlier that Trevor Brooking is a good player. He is nothing, just stands around, lets the others do the work for him."

This is obviously arrant nonsense — so is the assertion that unless you have played pro-football, you are ignorant of the finer points (pushing in the back, shirt-pulling,

7-78 season in England

Ipswich celebrate their FA Cup win.

left after the a dies down?

Quote of the month

ALAN Mullery was the author of this quote after the Brighton-Charlton game: "Mark Lawrenson was fantastic today. He played better than Beckenbauer ever did!" Mullery was quite right, Beckenbauer hardly ever had a good game against Charlton!

knee-in-the-groin, etc.) of the game. But is Brooking a luxury player, or is it a luxury to have a team without someone like him?

The question is relevant, because the answer could determine our attitude towards the touch-players like Gordon Hill, who consistently scored 20 goals per season for Manchester United, but was disliked by his team-mates because of some undetectable deficiency in his "work-rate".

It is true in every country of the world that naturally gifted players work less hard in training, and allow themselves more lassitude in their private lives because the game itself comes easier to them. People who get to the top by sheer effort — the average pro. — resent and envy this select few, hence the animosity.

Discourage

But to hear coaches talking about luxury players is highly disturbing, because although they do not mean to disown the "Clive Woods" of the football scene, they do discourage youngsters to develop their skills, thinking that 'flashy' ball-control might do them more harm than good.

Liverpool's triumphant march must be applauded, and we shouldn't be deceived by the disappointing Final into thinking that it was easy to retain the European Cup. But I heard Emlyn Hughes saying that on the Continent, apart from a few top clubs, the rest are rubbish, and that is why we are so much better.

"Rubbish"

He probably forgot that a "rubbish" club, Widzew Lodz, k.o'd Manchester City in the UEFA-Cup, a team called Bastia from Corsica beat Newcastle, and Porto defeated the all-international Manchester United 4-0 in Portugal.

In fact, no British club — other than Liverpool — has won a European trophy in the last six seasons! Sir Alf Ramsey, the ex-Birmingham manager, uttered the quote of the season when he said: "I heard from Trevor Francis, I heard from his wife, now I am waiting to hear what his dog has to say."

So, the Knight who was supposed to be a "players' man" puts a young footballer's wife on par with his dog. What was Trevor's crime? He wanted to change his employment, because he was tired of playing alongside a bunch of nonentities. But he didn't touch his forelock and ask permission from Sir Alf to speak to the Press.

Francis, an established international, is going to America for a reputed £50,000 windfall, then he will be back to do his best, as always, for Birmingham. Ramsey? He is also back — at Ipswich, unemployed!

Rocheteau thinks of leaving his home...

by Peter Bills

IN a valley of beauty and tranquillity in the hills outside St. Etienne, Dominique Rocheteau sprawls on a couch at his new home pondering the scene — and his future.

Rocheteau's long, curly hair shines in the morning sun but his expression barely begins to transmit the same sort of light and glow. It's early May and you always tell the end of a long, hard season in a footballers' face; tired, drawn, slightly weary around the eyes, the general appearance expressing a great desire for a break from the game.

Rocheteau's season ended a few days ago when he took another knock on the foot that has bothered him for most of the season. So although St. Etienne are to play tonight at their ground beside the steelworks barely 15 kilometres from where we sit, Rocheteau isn't a part of the preparations. It's St. Etienne's final match of the season — and Rocheteau, although he doesn't say so in as many words, is hardly heartbroken at the fact that he won't be involved.

It's been a long season, a hard season — and a desperately disappointing season for St. Etienne's brilliant winger. Rocheteau ends the season in almost the same shoes as he began it in — full of promise, oceans of superb potential but desperately susceptible to the knocks and fierce physical assaults nowadays so much part of the French football scene.

Brilliant yellow

It is, then, more than understandable that even the warm, bright morning sun, the brilliant yellow of the fields and the sheer peace and beauty of the scene, can't lift Rocheteau. He's disillusioned, worried, injured and frustrated by a poor season.

Two years ago, it was all so different. Rocheteau had pinched the show in the European Cup Final against Bayern Munich with as much cheek as the infamous lad from the poorhouse. His control, his speed, his skill, his balance when he at last appeared as St Etienne's substitute — injury had prevented his earlier entry to the stage — gave him a certain path to the peak of European football achievement.

Sadly, Rocheteau has taken all too few steps along that road to glory. St. Etienne have watched and waited as the frustrations have built up. They've seen Rocheteau produce magical form at times but then fade quietly through the next game. Always it has been vast potential; seldom has that potential been transferred to fulfilment.

So Rocheteau retires to his new home, ear-shattering music stereo system and picture-window views, with a heavy heart. He knows as well as anyone that his departure from the scene — both in the valley and at St. Etienne — could be imminent.

Could you leave this picture of beauty, I ask: the question already decided as impossible within my own mind. Rocheteau shrugs: "I will if I have to go. My real home is near La Rochelle so I had to settle here as a new place in my life. But, of course, if I do have to leave, I shall be sad."

What has driven Rocheteau closer to a departure that seemed absurd even to suggest, barely two years ago? Again, the shrug and the fast, soft French words faced, inevitably, with the memorable Gallic expressions.

"I am fed up with all the injuries I have had," he says. "I have lost all pleasure from playing in the French football competitions.

"At the moment, French football is simply too strong. Always it is the same players that are injured by the teams that face St. Etienne. Sarramagna and myself — they always go for us two. In one match at Rouen, Sarramagna had his leg broken and I suffered a serious injury to my foot. That was in February and Sarramagna did not play again all season. I was out of football for many weeks.

"Most of my injuries are to the head. Defenders going into the back of your head, trying to injure you. I do not say it is French football in general that is so bad; but there are certain players that are always doing these things. They look for players like Sarramagna and myself at St. Etienne and hope to put you off the field. They go for your head, they go over the top in tackles at your legs. No football is worth that. With all those injuries, I must accept I have not been able to play consistently well for long enough to do what I should have done. I have not achieved as much as I would have liked."

New pastures

Rocheteau is tempted by pastures new across the North Atlantic. The chance of some football without the thuggery which has marred his last 24 months in France, appeals just as much as the financial rewards for joining the exodus to America. Money is not what Rocheteau is desperate for; merely the opportunity to explore his potential unhindered by the wild tackles and assaults of others with malicious ideas. It is scarcely a situation from which French football emerges with very much credit."

It clearly needs to be said that Rocheteau's lack of progress may be something to do with the ways of St. Etienne coach Robert Herbin. Some of the St. Etienne players express privately their lack of enthusiasm for Herbin's stereo-typed, repetitive training methods and his inability to move closer to his players. That may not have helped.

But equally clearly, only Dominique Rocheteau can provide the stimulus to transform potential into promise. Only Dominique Rocheteau can develop his game into one of the best players in Europe — as he undoubtedly has the capacity to do.

Yet as I drove away into the hills above the valley and watched Rocheteau leaning wearily, perhaps a shade sadly against the balcony of his sitting room, I wondered whether Rocheteau had the stimulus where it most mattered — within himself. If he hasn't, the lawbreakers within French football have much to answer for.

HISTORY OF THE

WORLD CUP

FOREWORD BY SIR ALF RAMSEY

The World Cup tournament in Argentina in mid-1978 is the eleventh Final, and if previous World Cups are a guide the three weeks or so of the tournament will be watched by over 500 million TV viewers in over 90 countries of the world.

This book, with the help of over 160 photographs relates its history from the first competition in Uruguay in 1930 to the exciting Final in West Germany in 1974.

All the great names are here, including Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Cruyff and Bobby Moore.

Published by the Hamlyn Group £2.95

Obtainable from: W.H. Smith, J. Menzies and leading booksellers.

Michael Archer

UNHAPPY JUVENTUS

JUVENTUS, bitterly disappointed at their semi-final exit from the Champions' Cup, will nevertheless be back there again next season.

At the time of writing they have 42 points, three more than Lanerossi Vicenza with only one game to play — home *against* Lanerossi.

Juve went into their penultimate game before 70,000 fans in Rome's Olympic stadium knowing that they needed one point from the last two games, while Lanerossi needed four just to earn a play-off.

Midfielder Romeo Benetti will claim, in fact, that Juventus should already have had the issue beyond doubt: however his 'goal' in the Turin derby with Torino was disallowed, and the game ended 0-0. The extra point would, of course, have tied it all up before Juve went to Roma.

Juve were rarely in danger, and went ahead seven minutes before half-time when Roberto Bettega picked up the ball just inside his own half and evaded three tackles before driving a shot under the diving Paolo Conti.

Agostino Di Bartolomei equalised in the 55th minute, and at the final whistle Juventus' delighted fans streamed over the pitch to celebrate the record 18th title.

That went some way to making up for the slip in the Champions' Cup. This was far from the first time that Juve have let their chance go begging. Right from the late 1950s they have started the season among the Cup favourites, only to finish up being rudely awakened from their dreams of glory.

Why? This time president Giampiero Boniperti blamed Swedish referee Ulf Ericsson for sending-off Claudio Gentile in Bruges shortly before Rene Vandereycken scored the killing goal in extra time.

Having despatched Torino's rivalry in the championship Juventus must now fight them off in the summer battle which is expected for the transfer of Fiorentina's Giancarlo Antognoni. With Pescara already down there remains two places for Fiorentina, Bologna, Genoa, Foggia or Verona.

Lazio are safe despite slipping from bad to worse. Coach Luis Vinicio has been dismissed, but Juventus and Torino are still secretly hoping that the Fiorentines suffer the sting of relegation for the first time in 40 years and thus open up the fight for Antognoni.

How much use this gifted young midfielder will be in Argentina is open to doubt. Several times these past few months he has played on bravely when he should have been resting leg injuries and after all the pressure of captaining a relegation-haunted team he will hardly be very fresh for the equally draining battles to come.

Still, Fiorentina's players haven't given up hope. They demonstrated that in the home game against Atalanta. Fiorentina were 2-0 down with 25 minutes to go, but hit back twice for a draw.

Milan qualify

In the fight for UEFA Cup places Milan look handily placed to earn some reward out of the season which began so brightly. The early leaders have punctured badly this side of the new year, but at least stability is returning after those dreadful years of skipping from one coach and one style to another, and then another.

Nils Liedholm has signed to continue his good work in tandem with Nereo Rocco next season. Liedholm delayed for some time, it wasn't clear whether this was merely a matter of financial terms, or because he had received other offers.

But the key factor which influenced him to stay around was Gianni Rivera's decision to play yet another season.

Not for Rivera the path taken by Sandro Mazzola up into the club offices — or, not yet anyway.

Another manager staying on is Gigi Radice at Torino, despite their up-and-down season. Torino's failure to provide serious opposition to Juve this season must be laid fairly and squarely at the door of the forwards.

While only Juventus (14) have conceded fewer goals than Torino (21), a few teams have scored more than their 36 goals. The Graziani-Pulici tandem hasn't functioned with anything like the cold-blooded efficiency of two years ago. And skipper Claudio Sala has been less impressive in support.

Train crash escape

THERE are problems for the lesser lights in the safety of mid-table. Three players were sent off in the 0-0 draw between Verona and Perugia, and then both clubs were involved in unusual episodes.

Verona's was the more frightening by far. Only by chance was it not tragic. Travelling by rail to Rome for their league game with Roma, the team party left their seats to walk into the restaurant car for dinner only a matter of a couple of minutes before the train left the track and crashed with the loss of 50 lives.

The players were unhurt in the restaurant car; had they remained in their seats they would have been among the dead and injured. The only slight casualty was manager Ferruccio Valcareggi, who suffered a couple of broken ribs in the impact of the derailment.

The game was called off and replayed later.

That postponement was carried out willingly: Perugia are fighting for a replay of a game in the Mitropa Cup.

Once the all-important club tournament, the Mitropa is now barely alive and very difficult to keep track of. It is organised by the central European federations and arrangements pass from one FA to another each year. The ultimate effect is that in checking data the Austrian federation refer you to the Hungarians, who refer you instead to the Yugoslavs, who pass you on to the Italians, who assure you that you should speak to the Austrians.

That being the case it's highly unlikely that Perugia — Italy's Mitropa representatives this season — will get very far with a protest that their visit to Partizan Belgrade should be repeated because the Slavs fielded an ineligible players.

Perugia's real cause for concern is not the justice of the matter, but the fact that Partizan won the game 4-0. If the game were to be repeated Perugia would thus be back in with a chance of topping their group and going on — instead of Partizan — to face Honved in the final.

Capello of Italy

News from Italy by Keir Radnedge

Evergreen veteran Fischer (left) scores for San Lorenzo in their Argentina First Division 2-1 win over joint leaders Racing Club.

News from South America by ERIC WEIL

Newly promoted Cobreola win eight matches

NEWLY promoted Cobreola, from a copper mining zone on the Loa River, 1400 km north of Santiago, are the sensation of the Chilean season after having won the first eight games to top the table by four points. The team, which is financially backed by a mining company and even play in copper coloured shirts, have 15,000 capacity crowds at their small stadium in Calama for all home games.

The former popular Chilean international, Andres Prieto, has been coach since last year when he took them to promotion. This season they have strengthened their team, signing among others former Uruguayan World Cup goalkeeper Mazurkiewicz, Argentine left winger Luis Ceballos (from Everton) who is considered Chile's best in the position, and Chilean half Mario Soto who had been playing in Brazil.

Union Española and Palestino, last season's champions and vice-champions respectively, have postponed several league games while unsuccessfully competing in the Libertadores Cup and both have three games in hand. Palestino have only dropped two points in their five games. Meanwhile, however, Cobreola is keeping interest alive for the fans who have little to cheer about following Chile's elimination from this year's World Cup and now also from the Libertadores Cup.

In Argentina:

"MR. CHAMPIONSHIP" ALONSO

Norberto Alonso, the River Plate half the fans called "Mr. Championship" because he was most instrumental in gaining the 1975 First Division title for the club, is at it again.

After an unhappy period with Marseilles Olympique where he failed to adapt and French club officials said he "caused nothing but trouble", he was sold back to his old club during last season but could not play for them in the First Division as the transfer register closes before the start of the season here.

Then he showed he had lost none of his form in the late season national championship and this year — after 10 First Division games — he is not only the man who makes the wheels go round for River Plate, but also the First Division leading scorer with 10 goals (jointly with Independiente's Outes who was last season's most prolific scorer in First Division and national championship games.)

Two men

Now fans and the press are clamouring for former international Alonso to be included in the World Cup team together with teammate J. Lopez, but it is precisely because these two men are not in the national team together with four other River Plate men — goalkeeper Fillol, defender Passarella and forwards Ortiz and Luque — who can not play for their club until after the World Cup, that River Plate, last season's First Division champions, are at the top of the table together with Racing Club and Union of Santa Fe.

Meanwhile the national champions, Independiente, also with four men absent in the World Cup squad (defender Pagnanini, halves Galvan and Larrosa and forward Bertoni), have not yet got over their poor start to the season — only six weeks after winning the national title — and are languishing in the middle of the table.

Popular Boca Juniors have again lost

Atletico qualify

ATLETICO MINEIRO, from Belo Horizonte, the Brazilian vice champions, became the first club to qualify for this year's Libertadores Cup semi-finals. Mineiro, a team much feared for its speed, won group 3 easily with one match to go in spite of playing without their World Cup squad players half Ceresо and leading scorer Reinaldo.

The tournament's black spot was in group 5 where Venezuela's champions, Portuguesa, have been suspended from the tournament pending investigation into the kidnapping, and torture, of the referee, Orlando Sanchez of Colombia, after their home match with Cerro Porteño which ended in a 1-1 draw. And before the suspension became effective there were further incidents at the end of their home game against Venezuela's Estudiantes, which they lost 2-1, when the referee and linesman could only get out of the stadium under police protection.

While Atletico Mineiro remained unbeaten in group 3, the Brazilian champions, Sao Paulo FC, in spite of having no players absent in the World Cup squad, disappointed from the start when they were outplayed by Mineiro, but held on for a 1-1 draw. In the return encounter Sao Paulo did miss a couple of clear cut chances which could have turned the 2-1 defeat around and then another 2-1 home defeat by Chile's Palestino ended their hopes.

Mineiro made sure of a semi-final place in their next to last match with a 5-1 home win over Chilean champions Union Española which could have been bigger but for goalkeeper Oshen's incredible saves. The Brazilian forwards were unstoppable.

Palestino, with veteranElias Figueroa in defence, finished bottom but had a dangerous scorer in Argentine Fabbiani who netted all four goals in his team's 5-4 defeat against Mineiro. Palestino actually led 4-2, thanks to Fabbiani, but Mineiro surprisingly hit back hard after having a man sent off to turn the tables.

Paraguayan champions Cerro Porteño lead group 5 by two points over Venezuela's Portuguesa and Estudiantes, but have yet to play them in Venezuela in their remaining two games. But Portuguesa, representing Venezuela as champions for the fourth year running and steadily improving with the inclusion of foreign players, now have to await the decision of the South American Football Confederation on whether they can continue in the tournament.

Meanwhile Peñarol (Uruguay), taking part in the Libertadores Cup for the 18th time — they only missed it once since it started in 1960 when they were the first champions — started off with a 4-2 victory over Danubio, Uruguay's other representatives in group 4, with leading scorer Morena netting two to give tham a 2-0 half time lead. Play in groups 1 and 2 had not started at press time.

valuable points — and they are only two from the top — by fielding reserve teams on several occasions while playing for the Europe-South America and Inter-American Cups in representation of South America and Libertadores Cup holders . . . Newell's Old Boys of Rosario were the last team to lose their unbeaten record in their ninth match when Quilmes beat them 2-1 with a penalty in extra time added on for stoppages.

But Quilmes did strive harder for victory, although Newell's — with a game in hand over all but Union of the teams above them — are still among the teams playing the most attractive soccer.

In Uruguay:

MORENA BACK TO FORM

With former World Cup star Fernando Morena back to form — also for the national team — and scoring goals, Peñarol maintain a one-point lead in the First Division, closely followed by eternal rivals and defending champions, Nacional.

At press time, with two games to go for the halfway stage, Peñarol has 17 pts, Nacional 16 and the rest are "also rans" with joint third Sud America and Fenix on 10 pts.

In Venezuela:

HOME PLAYER TOPS THE SCORERS

For the first time a Venezuelan born player, Rodolfo Carvajal, tops the scorers table after seven games in the Venezuela Cup tournament in which the 12 First Division clubs are grouped in two sections with the top two of each due to qualify for the final round.

Playing for Universidad de los Andes, one of the clubs to enter pro soccer last year, he set a league record by scoring all five goals in his team's 5-1 victory over Deportivo Lara.

Universidad tops the B section with only three games to go, but their task has been eased by the fact that Portuguesa (champions for the last four years) and Estudiantes de Merida (runners up for the last two) have fielded reserves while playing in the Libertadores Cup. So far Venezuelan soccer has relied heavily on foreign players, especially in the scoring department.

ELSEWHERE . . .

IN BRAZIL, where the 1978 national championship started only a few weeks after the end of the 1977 tournament — with ever more teams (74 this time) but without World Cup players — Argentina's Amando Renganeschi, who coached modest Londrina, last season's revelation as they reached the national championship semi-final, has been engaged by Sao Paulo league champions Corinthians.

He replaces former Brazilian national team coach Osvaldo Brandao who becomes head of the club's "technical advisory committee" — which sounds like being kicked upstairs.

IN BOLIVIA, where an internal split and the formation of a new league caused a hold up last year, the 1977 championship finally ended on April 2 this year with The Strongest taking the title and Oriente Petrolero as runners up and both qualifying for the Libertadores Cup.

Just three weeks later the new season started.

IN PERU, the loss of 10 players to the World Cup squad (who are not allowed to play league games) has proved too much for vice-champions Sporting Cristal who are bottom of the North Section of the regional championship.

Champions Alianza Lima, with nine World Cup players, are doing slightly better however and are halfway down the South Section table which is topped by Deportivo Municipal who struggled to avoid relegation from the First Division last season.

The regional championship is being played for the second year running as a prelude to the main tournament with the 16 first division teams divided into north and south sections, but spectator interest remains lukewarm with Peru's most popular players not lining up for their clubs until after the World Cup.

AMERICA TRIUMPH

THERE seemed to be no doubt as to which was the better team in the first leg of the Inter-American Cup in Buenos Aires when Argentina's Boca Juniors outplayed Mexico's America to win 3-0, but in Mexico it was a different story. The altitude affected the Argentine team and their defensive tactics for away games did not quite come off.

Parvon gave Boca a 1-0 lead within five minutes in the playoff and with the America defence showing weaknesses, they could have gone further ahead, but they did not go into all out attack. Boca players later said they felt they could not go all out in the altitude, but it is one thing to reserve energy and quite another to cede the initiative more and more to your rivals as was the case. Aceves equalised after 34 minutes and with Boca still trying to hang on to a draw which would have given them the trophy on goals, Reynoso scored America's winner from a free-kick just five seconds from the end of extra time.

America's equaliser — the ball hit the crossbar and bounced down over the line — started the protests as the referee at first was in doubt as the linesman failed to signal. The rough play started and little more soccer was seen while Salinas (Boca) just before halftime and Rergis (America), 13 minutes after, were sent off. There were several holdups, fights among players with reserves joining in until the referee had to clear the reserve benches of both teams. The Mexican fans helped to maintain the nervous atmosphere with a continual shower of bottles and other objects.

The replay was made necessary when Boca Juniors lost the second leg 1-0 to America a couple of days earlier, also playing for a draw until the Mexican team's best forward, Paruguayan Kiesse, scored the winner 13 minutes from the end. By then it was too late. It seemed that in both matches the apparently superior Argentine team not only over-estimated their rivals, but also the altitude problem which seemed to weigh too heavily on their minds.

Leslie Vernon reviews the Hungarian scene

UJPEST DOZSA CLINCH TITLE

AFTER a hair-raising finish, Ujpest Doza clinched the Hungarian Championship. In their last game against Ferencvaros, they needed only a draw to be sure of the title, and the 1-1 scoreline seemed to please both sides. On the same day, Honved beat Vasas to secure the runners-up spot, and MTK/VM managed to grab a point at Videoton in the race for the much-coveted bronze medals.

Still, Videoton are also sure of a spot in Europe, a privilege Vasas are denied, unless they — or a team above them — win the Cup, which will be played-off in August.

Kaposvar and Szeged are relegated — Szekesfehervar MAV saved themselves by winning their last match at Csepel. (In Hungary, teams seldom lose vital matches when the opposition have nothing to play for, but "hon y soit que mal y pense". In other words, as long as the F.A. are happy to ignore these happenings, I am not going to be the proverbial fly in the evil-smelling ointment).

Dozsa used to win the Championship as a matter of course — for seven years running between 1969-75. Then Fradi took over from them for one year, and last season, Vasas were the top-dogs.

Now that the trophy is back in Ujpest, inevitably, comparisons are made between the present side and that of the 'Bene-team' of a few seasons ago. Ede Dunai said: "In the old side we had more outstanding individual players, they were able to win a game in a 20 minutes' spell. The current side is more combative, better-balanced. Now it will be impossible to have a run of success because the opposition are much stronger. There are at least five teams which could be considered serious candidates. And it is very difficult to win in the provinces — it makes me feel embarrassed to remember that we conceded six goals both at Szeged and Szekesfehervar".

Sandor Zambo: "Our style hasn't changed much. We are still playing a flexible 4-2-4. But we used to have Bene and A. Dunai up front all the time, and when we had to defend, the wingers came back to help. Now we play a less rigid game with everyone moving, running all the time, but our defence is not quite so reliable."

Culmination

This was this season's usual Dozsa line-up: Rothermel (or Z. Toth) — Viczko, Schumann, E. Dunai, J. Toth — Zambo (or Kolar), A. Toth —Fazekas, Fekete Torocsik, L. Nagy, Laszlo Fazekas, skipper of Dozsa and the national team, topped the goalscoring charts with 24, to be followed by Kozma of Honved — 19. Szabo (Videoton), Varadi (Vasas), Kiss (Pecs) and Szokolai (Ferencvaros) all scored 17 goals.

The standard of the Championship satisfied Lajos Baroti, who looked upon the series of matches as a culmination of the F.A.'s four years' plan.

"Our aim was to qualify for the World Cup, and to narrow the gap between ourselves and the leading footballing nations. We are nearly there but still have a great deal to learn.

"Our combativeness, defensive play, work-rate and self-confidence have improved. But we are not consistent enough — neither our team, nor the players individually are able to sustain their best form for long periods. The tempo of the League race — 16 matches in 66 days — must have had an adverse effect on the players. That's why during the first couple of weeks of our preparations, I didn't ask for too much. We spent some time in resting, swimming, walking in the mountains near Budapest. I am confident that by the start of the World Cup, the boys will be back at their peak."

Fazekas complains: "Too much is expected of us. When we beat the European Champions, Czechoslovakia, everyone said that we played badly in the second half, consequently, we were not fit enough. That's nonsense, this team could play 120 minutes, if necessary, without flagging."

Before the squad left for their training camp in W. Germany on May 14, Baroti nominated the 19 players plus the three stay-at-home subs. for the Mundial: Goalkeepers: Gujdar (Honved), Meszaros (Vasas), L. Kovacs (Videoton). Defenders: Torok (Vasas), Martos (Ferencvaros), Balint (Ferencvaros), Kocsis (Honved), Kereki (Haladas), J. Toth (Ujpest Doza). Midfield: Nyilasi (Ferencvaros), Rab (Ferencvaros), Pinter (Honved), Zombori (Vasas), Csapo (Tatabanya), Halasz (Tatabanya), A. Toth (Ujpest Doza). Attackers: Fazekas (Ujpest Dozsa), Torocsik (Ujpest Dozsa), Nagy (Ujpest Dozsa), Pusztai (Ferencvaros), Varadi (Vasas), Fulop (MTK).

Laszlo Fekete is absent because of injury, L. Kovacs, Andras Toth and Fulop are the "unlucky three". So, there are no surprises, and one cannot argue with Baroti's selection, perhaps only "Player of the Year"—according to the "Nepsport" markings — Jozsef Pasztor of Bekescsaba, can regard himself unfortunate not to get an invitation to the ball.

Team policy

But Baroti has based his team policy on loyalty, and the players who booked Hungary's passage to Argentina are being given an opportunity to do a good job there. As centre-back Kovacs said: "We are thinking, eating, sleeping, talking Argentina now. How to play against such high-class opposition as the host country, Italy and France. How to force our style of play on them and not the other way around. I only hope and pray that we reach the last eight."

So do we all, but I must confess that I am not confident — the Mundial crap game is played with loaded dice. What's laughingly called "the draw" was the first unfair twist of fate, there are many more hidden handicaps waiting for the sporting, trusting Hungarians in Argentina. . . .

WORLD CUP CHART

Wall Chart 17in x 24in giving detailed history of the teams competing, how they qualified, their grouping, the dates and fixtures of final games, and a progress chart to be completed.

Send £1.00 (inclusive of post and packing in tubes) to:—

APEX WALL CHARTS,
45 Station Road, Gerrards Cross,
Bucks, SL9 8ES

MAKE YOUR MATCH

with

GREY-GREEN

A TOTAL CONCEPT IN SPORT TRANSPORTATION

For all your
GROUP TRAVEL
COACH TOURS
SPECIALITY WEEKENDS
CONTINENTAL TOURS
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
and
COACH HIRE

We take the strain out of travelling to the game, providing comfort and security all the way.

For further details write or phone:

GREY-GREEN COACHES LTD.

53-55 Stamford Hill : London N16 5TD : 01-800 8010

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Grasshoppers earn their admiration

SWISS soccer fans have acclaimed the country's best club side Grasshoppers Zurich, who so nearly reached the final of the UEFA Cup, but they are bitterly disappointed in their national side.

It is a situation similar to that in England, where Liverpool have performed marvellously in the European Cup, but where at the same time the national team failed to qualify in the third successive competition (World Cup 1974 & 78, European Championship 1976). Similarly the experiment with six Liverpool men (seven, if one includes earlier departed Keegan) in the national ranks was a failure in the season's first international, precisely against Switzerland (0-0) at Wembley last September.

Criticism

The Swiss national coach Roger Vonlanthen now also tried to pack his side with the successful Grasshoppers men, but he too drew a blank. Recent defeats against East Germany (1-3) and Austria (0-1) have stung public opinion and brought the wrath of the experts as well, who are convinced that it isn't the lack of skilful players, but the wrong approach and inept tactics which are responsible for the continual setbacks.

For the first time since he took office early last year, Vonlanthen has had to take some severe criticism. In Switzerland's biggest and most influential sports paper, "*Sport*" *(Zurich)* he is charged in an editorial article with having no clear concept on how the national team should play. Furthermore, Vonlanthen has been accused of not preparing his men adequately to meet the opposition. It is said that the national team manager is toosoft, too easy going and that he doesn't want to upset anybody and therefore takes the easy way out.

The problems of a national team chief in Switzerland are unique, for he is dealing here with players from different races and speaking three different languages (German, French and Italian). The local, parochial rivalries are quite amazing. In addition, the clubs from the Latin parts of the country favour a style of play which is basically alien to that encouraged by the German-Swiss, who invariably copy the Bundesliga.

These setbacks have come at the time when for the second year running a Swiss team has reached the semi-final of a European competition. Last season it was FC Zürich in the Champions Cup and now Grasshoppers in the UEFA-Cup.

Away goals

After their marvellous win over West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt, the "Hoppers" beat the surprise team of the tournament Bastia (France) by 3-2 at home but lost just 0-1 away, thus failing to reach the final on the away-goals-count-double rule. That's how close they got to making Swiss soccer history. Nevertheless, the Swiss fans are proud of Grasshoppers, whose exploits have drawn tremendous crowds to the old Hardturm stadium.

A full house of 30,000 (receipts including television fees over £100,000!) saw the glorious victory over Frankfurt and 29,000 witnessed a truly dramatic battle with the Corsicans from Bastia.

Grasshoppers played with great spirit in the return facing the perhaps most fanatical crowd (releasing dozens of fireworks) in Europe, in the aptly named "Furiani" stadium, plus a team fighting for glory as if their lives depended on it.

The Grasshoppers involved in this tourney, plus the FA Cup, the League Cup and the First Division championship have clearly overtaxed themselves physically. Only their 'libero' Jonny Hey (a German) is a full professional and the team has — as I write — already played over 60 matches this season!

On top of these commitments their successes have prompted the national manager to use most of the Grasshoppers players in his side. Six of them — seven including a half-time substitute — were called up against Austria. Little wonder that in that game, sandwiched between the prestigious encounters with Bastia in the UEFA Cup, the players did not respond to the needs of the national eleven. The forward trio of Sulser, Ponte, Elsener did not have the same kind of service from midfield to which they are used to in the club side and never at any time looked at ease against the improved Austrians.

First place

In the championship the first phase of the programme was completed late in March. Subsequently the top six clubs, Grasshoppers, Servette, Lausanne, Basel, Zürich and Sion began the play-off for the title which will last until the 27th May. The bottom six clubs, Neuchatel Xamax, Young Boys, Chenois, St Gallen, Etoile Carouge and Young Fellows, are playing off in their pool, with the last two to be relegated.

Each club took with them only half the points total gained in the first phase (22 matches). Uneven figures were rounded off upwards! After the first rounds it looked like the race for the title will be between Grasshoppers, Servette and the suddenly awakened Basel, who will obviously not relinquish their title easily. Servette are strong at home, but their surprise 0-2 setback to Basel has made the issue wide open with Grasshoppers favoured slightly although they suffered from their overloaded programme.

...place a regular order for WORLD SOCCER now

THE SPORT'S PREMIER INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY

Subscriptions Manager,
WORLD SOCCER,
79 Temple Chambers,
London, E.C.4,
please enter a 12 months subscription commencing with issue dated

UNITED KINGDOM £6.60
EUROPE £7.50
N. AMERICA, Air Mail $20.00
" Surface $15.00
AUSTRALASIA, Air Mail ... $16.00
" Surface . $11.00

other rates on application.

Name .....
Address .....
.....
.....
.....

FINAL CUP FOR CRUYFF

Neeskens of Holland.

JOHAN CRUYFF'S last season looked bound for an anti-climatic ending when Barcelona, within a week, lost 4-0 and with that their hopes to Real Madrid, then slipped out of the UEFA Cup to PSV Eindhoven in the semi-finals.

However King Johan was able to go out in glory, with a trophy to hold aloft to the fans, and the knowledge that he left Barcelona once more in European competition next season.

Their final success together was in the Spanish Cup, thanks to a straightforward 3-1 win over Las Palmas in Chamartin.

Sad to say, though not surprising in Madrid, the ground was barely half full, with 60,000 present, to see the great occasion. And most of those were hoping to see Las Palmas pull off a surprise in their first final. The attraction was partly that Las Palmas were clearly the underdogs, and partly that former Madrid captain and manager Miguel Munoz is in charge in the Canaries.

But for all that moral support, there was never much doubting Barcelona's superiority. Perhaps it might have been different under the old rules, but with foreigners allowed in the Cup games this season for the first time, Barcelona had no qualms about putting out Cruyff, Neeskens, and Zuviria, and that extra class told its own tale.

Barcelona: Mora — Olmo, (Sanchez 63), Migueli, Neeskens (Macizo 41), De La Cruz — Zuviria, Rexach, Asensi — Esteban, Cruyff, Fortes.

Las Palmas: Carnevali — Gerardo, Felipe, Roque, Hernandez — Felix (Rivero 62), Brindisi, Jorge — Maciel, Morete, Noly.

It took only a quarter of an hour for Barcelona to assert their killing authority. After nine minutes Esteban — freed from military service — fell over his own feet after a tackle by Roque.

FIFA referee Angel Franco Martinez looked to his linesman, then pointed to the penalty spot. Las Palmas protested vigorously — their protests continued to all and sundry who would listen to them long after the game — but unperturbed, Carlos Rexach converted the spot kick.

Confidence

Barcelona's confidence was emphasised by the attacking nature of their formation, with Neeskens starting among the defensive quartet, and wingers Zuiviria and Rexach in midfield roles. But Rinus Michel's schemes certainly paid off. There was just too much talent around for Las Palmas to cope with, and in the 15th minute Juan Manuel Asensi touched in a Rexach corner.

Five more minutes and Las Palmas, briefly, were back in the game. Miguel Angel Brindisi, Argentina's 1974 schemer-in-chief, curled a glorious free kick around the defensive wall and past Mora. The goalkeeper must have thought he was seeing things as the ball bent back. Not a happy return to the first team for Mora, deputising for Pedro Artola, who suffered a stomach injury in a league game.

But it was for only seven minutes that Barcelona needed to stretch themselves. In the 27th minute it was their turn to benefit direct from a free kick. The man who took it, inevitably, was Rexach, and the ball slipped in off the near post. Daniel Carnevali, at fault with the second goal, took the blame again.

The next hour of play was, not surprisingly, a little boring for the fans. The game was now decided, all that remained was for Barcelona to play out time.

Not that hero Rexach thought the game such a disappointment.

"We had plenty of chances and there was always some incident to keep it lively. But the main thing is this: we've won a title, and that's made our season worthwhile."

Cruyff, as captain, went up to King Juan Carlos at the end to collect the glittering cup.

"Why don't you play another season?" the king asked.

News from Spain by Keir Radnedge

"It's already decided," replied Cruyff. "This is my last big game. There is no turning back now."

This was Barcelona's 18th success in 24 finals and it was worth £1,150 to each of the players.

"We played well and I think we deserved to win," said Cruyff. "I thought Las Palmas were a bit rough. No . . . I don't want to talk any more about my retirement. The only important matter tonight is that Barcelona have won the Cup."

As for Las Palmas's rough and ready tactics, there were seven yellow cards shown by Franco Martinez — three to Barcelona's Neeskens, Macizo and Olmo, and four to Las Palmas' Noly, Jorge, Maciel and Felix.

The following weekend Real Madrid confirmed their place at the top of the league despite losing 1-0 away to Santander, their ninth defeat of the season — not a happy record for a championship team. That Barcelona were at the same time hammering relegation-bound Elche — who have lately sacked manager Roque Olsen — didn't matter. Though second to Madrid, they were four points adrift and with one game to go couldn't make up the leeway.

Meanwhile the race continued behind Real Madrid (Champions' Cup) and Barcelona (Cup-winners' Cup) for UEFA Cup places in Europe next term. Bilbao, Gijon — promoted again only last year — and Valencia are the contenders

Between them Bilbao and Valencia had recently administered a nasty shock to Rayo Vallecano, the third Madrid team who had done so well in this their first season in the big-time. In a midweek game Bilbao put six past them, then Valencia hit seven on the Sunday with four falling to Argentina's World Cup spearhead Mario Kempes.

That put Kempes back on level terms with Real Madrid's Carlos Santillana at the top of the scoring charts with 24 goals each.

Rayo have now slipped down into midtable, while champions (outgoing) Atletico Madrid, who have struggled along in the lower half for most of the season, moved up to sixth with a surprising 5-1 home hammering of Gijon. It's been a rocky old season for Atletico, who badly need to revamp their squad. Injuries haven't helped coach Luis Aragones, but players such as goalkeeper Reina, midfielders Alberto and Marcial and defender Eusebio Bejerano are growing no younger and there seem few good youngsters on the way through.

There has meanwhile been a new complication in the case of Salamanca's Argentine goalkeeper Jorge d'Alessandro. Briefly d'Alessandro had a kidney removed early this year and it was thought he would never play again. But a Barcelona specialist said he thought this excellent goalkeeper could resume his career, and d'Alessandro returned to training.

Before he could play first-team football the FEF's medical insurance experts called him to Madrid for tests, and their head doctor Navarro recommended that permission for d'Alessandro to play again be refused on the grounds that to play with one kidney was too much of a risk.

Instead the FEF have given d'Alessandro the all-clear, provided he sign a disclaimer against any claims that may arise from further kidney trouble. Navarro resigned in protest

TWO OUT OF THREE FOR ANDERLECHT

European Cup Winners Cup Final

THE Cup-winners' Cup had always suffered in the past through lack of continuity.

No sooner had a club won the competition than they were off into the Champions' Cup or, for one reason or another, did not possess the character to establish their rule.

Anderlecht have changed all that.

And coach Raymond Goethals, at his superb Press conference after the runaway win over FK Austria, admitted that his players had been far more committed in the Cup-winners' Cup this past season than in the league.

Goethals was prompted to this unusual, but honest, admission by a questioner who wanted to know how Anderlecht could be pleased to win the Cup-winners' Cup two years out of three and miss out once again in the league.

Goethals, his hands and shoulders doing half his talking for him, replied that this was typical of the attitude of too many people in Belgium. Anderlecht had won the Cup in 1976, finished runners-up to Hamburg last year and regained the trophy in superb style. Yet even in our hour of glory, he complained, someone has to try to spoil it.

"In Belgium if you have only 12 players in your squad, when you have named your team there will always be an outcry because of the man you left out!"

Having thus disposed of his critics, Goethals was otherwise falling over himself to be fair and pleasant to everyone, particularly the first Austrian club to reach a European final.

"They had chances to equalise when we were 1-0 ahead," he said. "If they had scored then they could have turned the game upside down."

I had asked Austria's personable coach, Hermann Stessl, if he had thought 4-0 a fair result. No, he replied, 2-0 would have been more accurate. Goethals jumped in.

"For us to be 3-0 ahead at half-time as we were was far too exaggerated," he said. But the fact remains that Anderlecht were in a different class to Austria, prompting many of the Belgian journalists to explain why they considered Anderlecht a better side than Brugge who, a week later, were taking on Liverpool at Wembley.

Certainly their record before this final was tremendous. In 16 games they had conceded only four goals, and in the last 12 league games of the season had dropped only one point. They are a team of high standards, with a world-class player in Rob Rensenbrink, scorer of two of the goals against Austria.

Rensenbrink has been compared with Johan Cruyff. But for me there is a basic difference. Cruyff, at his best, seems to say to his colleagues: "Give me the ball and we'll see what we can achieve."

Rensenbrink, on the other hand, seems to say: "Give me the ball and *I'll* see what *I* can do."

What he can do, however, he does superbly. And not only play brilliantly when the mood takes him, as it did in the Parc des Princes, but demonstrate that he possesses an ideal temperament for top-class soccer. The Austria defenders didn't hesitate to chop him down, trip him, sandwich him, and generally make themselves as unpleasant as possible.

Throughout it all Rensenbrink kept his cool and provided the best answer — with his deft left foot.

The end result was confusion in the Austria defence — though they must have been a little confused already before the start to find the stadium dressed out only in mauve and white, for both teams share the same colours. On this occasion it was the Viennese who were actually wearing all-mauve, with Anderlecht in white. But there were certainly more Belgian fans there, singing "Rob-bee, Rob-bee," until the first moments of the match — moments which didn't augur well.

In the opening seconds Anderlecht's Benny Nielsen came straight over the top on Austria schemer Herbert Prohaska. It was a bad, calculated foul and referee Heinz Aldinger could have saved himself more trouble later if he had immediately brought out the yellow card.

Instead it wasn't until the second half that he finally showed the card to Josef Sara and Jean Thissen and by then a dangerous undercurrent of ill-feeling had established itself and wasn't to be shifted.

Austria certainly suffered. Prohaska, a light-footed intelligent wanderer, spent the rest of the first half far too deep to be of real use to veteran Hans Pirkner, bravely ploughing a lonely furrow through the centre of the unyielding Anderlecht defence.

In the second half Prohaska dared allow himself the luxury of moving further forward, to tease Anderlecht with those diagonal runs across the face of the penalty box as he looked for the right moment to release the killing through pass.

For much of the time this gambit foundered on the Belgians' offside trap, expertly organised by last summer's big-money signing from Ajax Amsterdam, Johnny Dusbaba.

But Anderlecht's defence wasn't totally watertight. The promising Felix Gasselich cleverly slipped Pirkner through, but though his cross-shot beat Nico Debree, Dusbaba was able to get back and clear from the edge of the six-yard box.

That had been a good chance wasted. Perhaps World Cup hopeful Pirkner was still feeling the effects of a clout from Van Binst shortly before, but it was to prove a costly miss.

In the 12th minute Rensenbrink was tripped by sweeper Erich Obernayer well inside the penalty box at the other end. Referee Aldinger surprisingly turned down spot kick appeals, but it hardly mattered. One more minute and justice was done. Thissen slipped a short pass out to Frankie Vercauteren on the left and Rensenbrink swivelled to tuck his short cross inside the near post.

The goal was slightly against the run of play, for Austria had been the more forceful in the opening minutes and could have been level after the 24th. Prohaska beat the offside trap with a brilliant run, but though Karl Daxbacher was clear with the ball at his feet, Debree raced off his line to block the shot with his legs.

The match was tantalisingly balanced. Pirkner, Rensenbrink, Van der Elst and Dusbaba were all brought down as the tension built up, and then, in 90 seconds before half-time, it was all over.

Rensenbrink was fouled in the inside-left position outside the box by Ernst Baumeister. Moving into the free-kick from right angles he curled a wicked left-foot shot round the edge of the defensive wall and into the net via Hubert Baumgartner's right hand and the post.

Stessl, just ending a remarkable first season in charge, made no excuses afterwards.

"The wall was badly organised and Rensenbrink found the hole," he explained sadly.

Now 2-0 down the Austrians stopped concentrating and were listlessly awaiting the half-time whistle when Van Binst stormed up the right, between two defenders, to enter the penalty box and flick the ball off the inside of the far post.

Baumgartner can again be faulted. He was far too slow to come off his line to meet Van Binst, and instead of throwing himself down feet first at the Belgian, he might have stood a better chance by spreading his body.

Anderlecht thus went in at half-time knowing they were already the winners. It looked like being a grim, dead, second-half between two disinterested teams. Instead, we had a bright, lively surprise.

While Anderlecht started the second-half as if they were determined to run up a cricket score, the Austrians took the game to them as if it were still 0-0 and they believed they could yet win. That was a credit for both teams and their managers.

First Baumeister shot just wide when Prohaska went on a brilliant slalom through the Anderlecht defence, but had to wait for his team-mates to catch up and the chance was lost.

It was then that the first moments of real ill-temper began to emerge. After yet another foul on Rensenbrink Josef Sara was finally shown the yellow card — not before time — and while Austria for once started to look ragged Francois Van der Elst made a superb break through the middle and shot wide.

On the hour Austria sent on their second Uruguayan, Alberto Martinez, for Daxbacher, who had faded after a good first half-hour and then tempers flared again. First Vercauteren fouled Prohaska, who pushed

Keir Radnedge From Paris

UEFA CUP

FIRST LEG

Bastia 0
PSV Eindhoven 0
Referee: D. Maksimovic (Yugoslavia). **Attendance:** 15,000.

Bastia: Hiard — Burkhard, Guesdon, Orlanducci, Cazes — Papi, Lacuesta (Felix 55), Larios — Rep, Krimau, Mariot.

PSV: Van Beveren — Van Kraay — Krijgh, Stevens, Brandts, Poortvliet — Van der Kuylen, W. Van der Kerkhof, Deykers — R. Van der Kerkhof, Lubse.

SECOND LEG

PSV Eindhoven 3 (W. Van der Kerkhof 24, Deykers 64, Van der Kuylen 66)
Bastia 0
Referee: N. Rainea (Rumania). **Attendance:** 27,000.
PSV: Van Beveren — Krijgh, Stevens, Van Kraay (Deacy 80), Brandts — W. Van der Kerkhof, Poortvliet, Van der Kuylen — Lubse, Deykers, R. Van der Kerkhof.
Bastia: Hiard (Walter 78) — Marchioni, Orlanducci, Guesdon, Cazes — Lacuesta, Larios, Papi — Rep, Krimau, Mariot (De Zerbi 58).
PSV EINDHOVEN WIN 3-0 ON AGG.

PAST WINNERS
Fairs Cup

1958 — Barcelona
1960 — Barcelona
1961 — Roma
1962 — Valencia
1963 — Valencia
1964 — Zaragoza
1965 — Ferencvaros
1966 — Barcelona
1967 — Dynamo Zagreb
1968 — Leeds
1969 — Newcastle
1970 — Arsenal
1971 — Leeds

UEFA Cup

1972 — Tottenham
1973 — Liverpool
1974 — Feyenoord
1975 — Borussia Mg
1976 — Liverpool
1977 — Juventus

CUP WINNERS CUP

Anderlecht 4 (3) — Hensenbrink 13 and 44, Van Binst 45 and 62.
FK Austria 0
Referee: Heinz Aldinger (W. Germany).
Attendance: 48,679 (record). **Receipts:** £267,000.

Anderlecht: 1 Debree — 2 Van Binst, 3 Broos, 4 Dusbaba, 5 Thissen — 7 Van der Elst, 8 Haan, 9 Nielsen, 10 Coeck, 6 Vercauteren — 11 Hensenbrink. Substitute: 13 Docks (for Vercauteren 88).

FK Austria: 1 Baumgartner — 2 R. Sara, 6 J. Sara, 3 Obermayer, 4 Baumeister — 8 Prohaska, 5 Daxbacher, 10 Gasselich, 11 Morales — 7 Parits, 9 Pirkner. Substitutes: 14 Martinez (for Daxbacher 60), 13 Drazan (for Morales 74).

Bookings: J. Sara (54, fouling Hensenbrink); Thissen (63, fouling Parits).

PAST WINNERS — CUP-WINNERS' CUP

1961 — Fiorentina
1962 — Atletico Madrid
1963 — Tottenham
1964 — Sporting Lisbon
1965 — West Ham
1966 — Borussia Dortmund
1967 — Bayern Munich
1968 — Milan
1969 — Slovan Bratislava
1970 — Manchester City
1971 — Chelsea
1972 — Rangers
1973 — Milan
1974 — Magdeburg
1975 — Dynamo Kiev
1976 — Anderlecht
1977 — Hamburg

ham to the ground, then Thissen was booked for a foul on Parits.

It appeared that the match was about to degenerate, but two individual exploits brought everyone's minds back to the football.

First Nielsen took a pass on his chest, and from 35 yards out suddenly tried an overhead shot which flew narrowly wide, then at the other end Pirkner hit a powerful free-kick.

PSV Eindhoven land double

PSV EINDHOVEN landed their first European crown when they beat Bastia of Corsica 0-0, 3-0 to secure the UEFA Cup.

In doing so they also completed a double for the season, because they had long since been assured of the Dutch league title after a wonderful unbeaten run which was ended only in the last few matches of the season.

"A marvellous result," claimed coach Kees Rijvers after the 3-0 second leg win in Holland. "The boys worked so hard. The only problem for us was that, if anything, in the first half we were trying too hard to sew the game up."

PSV's record in Europe includes a place in the semi-finals of the Champions' and Cup-winners' Cups. But it was ironic that it was only in the absence of Ralf Edström, for several years their best-known player, that they went the distance.

Edström, of course, has been back in his native Sweden for the past year.

How good are PSV? We will have another chance to judge in next season's Champions' Cup, for they are the sixth (!) successive UEFA Cup winners to win their domestic league and thus move on into the No. 1 tournament without defending their European crown.

Bastia midfielder Claude Papi laid the emphasis for PSV's victory more on his own team's shortcomings.

"PSV aren't a particularly wonderful team," he said after the all-important second leg. "It's just that we played badly."

So Bastia's wonderful run had ended in defeat after the first European final to go to the island of Corsica.

For after a great deal of deliberation Bastia officials had decided to keep faith with their local fans, and keep the first leg in their own tiny Furiani stadium, rather than switch to Marseille or Paris. The only concession they made to the occasion was to install 5,000 extra seats, taking the capacity up to 15,000.

Both managers, Pierre Cahuzac and Kees Rijvers, kept everyone guessing about their line-ups until the last moment.

Rijvers's concern was the fitness of striker Rene Van der Kerkhof and defender Kees Krijgh, particularly since after heavy rain the pitch threatened to turn into a quagmire — which would certainly suit PSV in their defensive task.

Cahuzac's only concerns were minor ones about the possibility of Johnny Rep and Papi suffering any reaction after training following their respective elbow and thigh injuries.

Cahuzac was looking for at least a 2-0 victory to take to Holland, but the conditions proved too much for his men. In fact Yugoslavia referee Dusan Maksimovic must have been very close to postponing the game when he went out an hour before kick-off.

The pitch was covered in sheets of water and chances were few and far between.

The second leg, in the Philips stadium, was played in immeasurably better conditions, which suited PSV's eager midfielders. They dominated the first half.

Most of the rest of the time PSV were relatively untroubled, and in the 24th minute went ahead when Willy Van der Kerkhof cracked a low shot past Hiard after a neat one-two with Van der Kuylen, his PSV captain.

However, after 10 minutes of Bastia pressure PSV broke away and Gerry Deykers was a split second too late to reach a cross from Rene Van der Kerkhof. It was a signal that PSV were reorganising themselves, and though Bastia's introduction of Jean-Marie De Zerbi for Yves Mariot promised more trouble for PSV, a spell of two goals in three minutes destroyed the Corsicans.

In the 64th minute Deykers hooked in a lob from Harry Lubse, and then Van der Kuylen scored a brilliant third. His first shot, right-footed, struck the bar and he thumped in the rebound with his left.

PSV had completed their double.

Colin Jose reports from North America

BOOM CROWDS AT THE START

"It's a great tribute to Pele and what he has done for soccer in North America. He brought so many fans to our games when he was playing and has done so much to promote soccer. Sports fans obviously like what they saw and it is gratifying to see that they have come out in record numbers this year," said Phil Woosnam, Commissioner of the North American Soccer League, commenting on the fact that a record number of fans attended the leagues' games on the opening weekend of the season.

A total of 205,557 fans attended the ten games, giving the NASL its finest opening ever and its first 20,000 average over a weekend in history. The average crowd figure of 20,557 represented nearly a 100 per cent increase over the 1977 first weekend average of 10,750.

Topping the attendance list was an all-time opening day record crowd of 44,442 at Giants Stadium in New Jersey to see the New York Cosmos, the league champions, hammer the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 7-0 with Steve Hunt and Giorgio Chinaglia each scoring three goals and Vladimir Bogicevic adding a single.

Other top crowds were the 32,104 who attended the Oakland Stompers game against the San Jose Earthquakes in Oakland in the first NASL game played in that city since 1968, 29,105 in the Seattle Kingdome for the game against the Colorado Caribous and 26,223 at Tampa Stadium in Florida to see the Rowdies play the Memphis Rogues.

The opening game of the season was played in Anaheim, California, where 15,206 showed up to see the brand-new California Surf beat the Portland Timbers 1-0 on a goal by U.S. international Dan Counce in the 79th minute.

It was just the first of a number of excellent crowds to show up to see some of the new franchises in action. There were 18,191 at Philadelphia to see the Fury go under 3-0 to the Washington Diplomats and on the following weekend 28,523 showed up at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan, to watch the Detroit Express beat Fort Lauderdale 2-1 in overtime.

The first NASL game ever played in Memphis, Tennessee, drew 17,251 to see the Memphis Rogues lose to Philadelphia 3-2 in overtime, while 15,266 were at the Houston Astrodome to see the home team go down 3-0 to the Dallas Tornado.

Colorado and New England, two questionable franchises, drew 10,352 and 11,360 to their opening games but a third, Tulsa, only attracted 5,872 in losing to Detroit on the opening weekend.

However, the euphoria of the opening games quickly wore off for some fans, notably in Philadelphia, Detroit and Memphis, where attendances dropped drastically for the second game to 7,233 from 18,191 in Philadelphia and from 28,523 in Detroit to 7,815 while the crowd in Memphis was 10,523 as compared to 17,251 a week earlier.

San Diego, too, where the NASL is trying to establish a team for the third time, was having its problems, just 6,442 showed up for the opener and this dropped to 3,112 for the second game, while Chicago where great things were expected this year, only had 5,756 for their first game.

So while the NASL could be pleased overall with its critical attendance picture in the opening weeks, it is obvious that there are still problems in a number of areas. In addition as of the time of writing Toronto, Rochester and Minnesota where the weather always delays the opening of the home season, have yet to play their first home games.

On the field of play, with 24 teams spread over six leagues, the picture is a confusing one, but already even this early in the seaso certain teams are beginning to emerge a possible challengers for the title.

One of these teams is the Washingto Diplomats who are tied on points with th New York Cosmos with each team unbeate after four games in the Eastern Division of th National Conference. Both teams are wa ahead of the other two teams in this league — Rochester and Toronto — who have yet s win or even tie.

Dallas, too, despite losing a close game t the Cosmos, look like being a seriou challenger as usual and this is also the cas with Tampa Bay. The Detroit Express hav also made a strong start, winning three o their first four games and on each occasion th winner has come from Keith Furphy, son o Detroit coach, Ken Furphy.

San Diego, while they may be havin problems at the gate, are having few on th field, and they lead the Western Division o the American Conference by three point over the surprising California Surf with both teams having a record of four wins against one loss. Oakland and San Jose are not that fa behind, either, in the closest race in the leagu to date.

Bad start

Portland, after two poor seasons, are tie with the Vancouver Whitecaps at the top o the Western Division of the Nationa Conference and they lead Seattle and the Lo Angeles Aztecs, who have been disappointment to date.

Another team off to a bad start are the Fort Lauderdale Strikers who had the best record in the league last season, while the Minnesota Kicks, Chicago Sting, Memphis Rogues and the aforementioned Rochester Lancers and Toronto Metros-Croatia are even worse off, and have yet to win a game.

Both Chicago, who now have Polish international winger Robert Gadocha in their line-up, and Memphis have lost four straight, while Toronto, who recently signed Manuel Velazquez, the former Real Madrid player and Ignacio Salcedo from Atletico Madrid, have the lowest point total in the league, having scored just one goal in their three games.

Washington and New York are the only unbeaten teams so far and both have only conceded one goal after four games. The Cosmos have started with Turkish international Erol Yasin in goal, but it was not until the fourth game that England international Dennis Tueart got into the line-up.

Out with a hamstring injury until that time, Tueart quicly got on the scoresheet, giving the Cosmos the lead against Dallas. Just over a minute later Franz Beckenbauer made it 2-0 with his second goal of the season while Chinaglia rounded out the New York scoring and Jeff Bourne pulled one back for Dallas.

A LIBRARY OF INFORMATION

Do you keep your copies of WORLD SOCCER in an unsightly pile? Here's your chance to transform them into a permanent library with a World Soccer binder for only £2.75 (inclusive of V.A.T., postage and packing)

World Soccer "Binder" Offer

Please send me ..... binder(s) at £2.75 (inclusive of V.A.T.). Overseas rate on request.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

Websters Publications Ltd., 73 Temple Chambers, London, EC4Y 0EX.

Book reviews by Ken Goldman

Slow and not so slow coaches

AS can be researched in previous editions of this magazine I have always been a strong advocate in favour of the F.A. Coaching Scheme and the standard of coaching in this country.

However it has seemed to me for a long time that coaches have accepted the fact that British players have a lower standard of skill overall than their Continental and South American counterparts. As a result of this, we have tended to place a much greater reliance on formations than is probably necessary and also over emphasised what are known as "functional practises".

The purpose of these practises are to reproduce or simulate match conditions while working on a particular feature of play such as a full back trying to take the ball wide and "hit" a front striker who would be making a set or suggested run.

I have seen this particular move practised on more than one occasion and whilst it is very effective it has also meant having two sets of seven or eight players working at this for long periods, to build up something which could probably be accomplished very simply by two truly skilful players with limited practise.

Not only would, and should, the full back be able to accurately place the ball up to the front player, but any member of the side ought to be similarly competent to accomplish it. Thus is demonstrated the tendency to compensate for skill by sheer hard slog and endeavour.

A Book which clearly demonstrates the joys of skill and what can be achieved through individual rather than necessarily group endeavour, is **WORLD SOCCER SKILL** by **Dave Spurdens** published by **Studio Publications, price £2.50.** The author is a Full Badge Coach and is a P.E. Teacher in Suffolk and he has gathered together both in text and especially picture strip form a host of skills by most of the World's famous players including Pele, Rivelino, Cruyff, Muller, Neeskens, Rivera, Eusebio, Rensenbrink, Beckenbauer and British stars such as Bobby Charlton, Dalglish, Keegan, Marsh, Bowles, Trevor and Gerry Francis, Best, McKenzie and Denis Law. The skills run the gamut from ball juggling and dribbling, to passing and shooting.

There are training and competitive games outlined but all through the emphasis is placed wholly on skill to the exclusion of almost everything else and it is nice to see this attempt to make the youngsters interested and involved in what has become a dying fashion, namely that of getting out on your own and playing with the ball for hours on end until you can almost make it speak.

Compiled

Incidentally Studio Publications have produced a booklet based upon the Television series **"All In the Game"** which is priced **£1.25** and is compiled by Anglia Television Commentator, **Gerry Harrison**.

The difference between the book and the T.V. series is that not only are the professional players shown performing the skills, but so too are a number of schoolboy players of 11 to 16 years of age.

Again great stress is placed upon techniques, skill and skill practises with games such as old favourites, head-tennis, piggy in the middle, and skittles with new ones thrown in such as football-golf, the slalom and South American shuffle. It is a very interesting little book and one which should keep all age groups fascinated and involved, and encourage them to improve their play.

Even counting the submissions indicated above I am afraid I must join issue with Eric Batty's adverse and uncomplimentary comments about coaches and the F.A. Coaching Scheme outlined in his December article.

Standards

The F.A. as a Governing body for coaching has always striven to keep standards high and they in no way, emotive or otherwise, could be described as "preaching rubbish" as Eric propounds. However they are mindful of the need for change and they have recently introduced a new system of licensing for their coaches.

The basic changes are that Fully Qualified Coaches who obtained their award after 1970 will be entitled to hold the new Full Qualifying Licence together with certain selected coaches who achieved the award before 1970.

The Licence is valid for seven years from the date of the award namely 1977 and upon expiry the holder must make himself available for re-Licensing assessment. Any Preliminary Badge Holders who achieved that award after January 1978 will need to take the Full Licence within five years of obtaining the Preliminary award or they will have to re-take the Preliminary award in order to take the full Licence.

Whatever criticism is levelled at coaching in this country no-one can say that it stands still. There is a general hope that skill will soon again flourish amongst the kids and if young players such as Hoddle, Rix, Brady, Peter Barnes, Gates, Cunningham, Fairclough, and Butch Wilkins continue to come through and become the new idols then things will not go far wrong with the future of the British game.

As a sad personal postscipt to this piece of skilful play I must cry in my cups over the display of Brazil at Wembley. Those of us who went there to worship at the shrine of Brazilian football saw the edifice literally kicked over in front of us.

Many will lay the blame at the door of their comparatively new manager, Claudio Coutinho, who unlike some of his predecessors has not played the game at any accepted level. As I overheard one fan exclaim in this respect: "They say he has never kicked a ball in his life — only people," while another said, "as he was an army officer perhaps he thinks football is a war game".

Well whether these views are valid or not I can't comment except to say as one who has always lauded the Brazilian style of "super-ball" in the past both in what I have written or coached, that something went wildly wrong at Wembley, and anyone who can re-arrange the samba into slaughter and the magic into mayhem can't be entirely right.

Celebrate

Brazil will be in action of course in the forthcoming World Cup in Argentina and to celebrate this event there are several new books on the market. The first of these is entitled **World Cup '78 — The Game of the Century** published by Fontana Books price £2.95. It is written by Derek Conrad, Robert Sidaway and Bob Wilson and runs to 168 pages of statistics, photographs, figures and facts of all varieties concerning this the greatest of all football competitions.

Unusual features are those on the Referees, The Managers and upsurge of the U.S.A. into the World game. A book to be savoured and a handy reference guide to have available by the T.V. when the action starts in June.

Incidentally there is a link-up with six films which the B.B.C are screening and these too should be avidly followed. The producer is Nicholas Granby, they are narrated by Colin Blakely, are in colour and cost it is said approximately £240,000 to make, by Conrad Film Associates and Polytel films.

Another handy guide is the revised edition of **World Cup 78** by Philip Evans published by Knight Books at 75 pence. This value for money paperback covers the previous competitions, gives details of some of the more famous players who will appear, and is packed with records of all descriptions. Finally there is **The History of the World Cup** written by Mike Archer and published by Hamlyn price £2.95. Again the various World Cup series are outlined but this time in a much more pictorial manner. There is a succinct script, some breathtaking action photographs and the whole is welded together attractively in 94 elegant pages.

The road to Argentina . . . all the qualifying round result

AFRICA

Extra Preliminary Round

7. 3.76	Freetown	Sierra Leone v Niger	5:1 (1:1)	4,250
21. 3.76	Niamey	Niger v. Sierra Leone	2:1 (1:1)	1,641
13. 3.76	Ouagadougou	Upper Volta v. Mauritania	1:1 (1:0)	3,323
28. 3.76	Nouakchott	Mauritania v. Upper Volta	0:2 (0:1)	—

Sierra Leone and Upper Volta qualified for First Round

First Round

1. 4.76	Algiers	Algeria v. Libya	1:0 (0:0)	15,267
16. 4.76	Tripoli	Libya v. Algeria	0:0 (0:0)	30,000
12.12.76	Casablanca	Morocco v. Tunisia	1:1 (1:0)	13,556
9. 1.77	Tunis	Tunisia v. Morocco	1:1 (1:0)	44,500
		Kicks from the penalty mark:	4:2	44,500
17.10.76	Lomé	Togo v. Senegal	1:0 (0:0)	5,173
31.10.76	Dakar	Senegal v. Togo	1:1 (0:0)	7,000
10.10.76	Accra	Ghana v. Guinea	2:1 (0:0)	10,000
31.10.76	Conakry	Guinea v. Ghana	2:1 (0:0)	30,000
(3rd match):				
16. 1.77	Lomé	Ghana v. Guinea	0:2 (0:2)	13,402

		Zaire v. Central Africa	Central Africa withdrew	
		Central Africa v. Zaire		
16.10.76	Freetown	Sierra Leone v. Nigeria	0:0 (0:0)	5,173
30.10.76	Lagos	Nigeria v. Sierra Leone	6:2 (4:0)	—
17.10.76	Brazzaville	Congo v. Cameroon	2:2 (0:2)	—
31.10.76	Yaounde	Cameroon v. Congo	1:2 (1:1)	26,050
		(Match abandoned at 82')		
4. 9.76	Ouagadougou	Upper Volta v. Ivory Coast	1:1 (0:1)	5,418
26. 9.76	Abidjan	Ivory Coast v. Upper Volta	2:0 (2:0)	5,960
30.10.76	Cairo	Egypt v. Ethiopia	3:0 (2:0)	30,000
14.11.76	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia v. Egypt	1:2 (1:1)	50,000
		Sudan v. Kenya		
		Kenya v. Sudan	Sudan withdrew	
		Uganda v. Tanzania		
		Tanzania v. Uganda	Tanzania withdrew	
9. 5.76	Lusaka	Zambia v. Malawi	4:0 (2:0)	15,000
30. 5.76	Blantyre	Malawi v. Zambia	0:1 (0:0)	8,239

Second Round

6. 2.77	Tunis	Tunisia v. Algeria	2:0 (0:0)	39,987
28. 2.77	Algiers	Algeria v. Tunisia	1:1 (1:0)	80,000
13. 2.77	Lomé	Togo v. Guinea	0:2 (0:1)	7,976
27. 2.77	Conakry	Guinea v. Togo	2:1 (2:0)	—

		Zaire v. Nigeria		
		Nigeria v. Zaire	Zaire withdrew	
13. 2.77	Bouake	Ivory Coast v. Congo	3:2 (2:1)	3,600
27. 2.77	Brazzaville	Congo v. Ivory Coast	1:3 (1:2)	70,000
6. 2.77	Nairobi	Kenya v. Egypt	0:0 (0:0)	8,337
27. 2.77	Cairo	Egypt v. Kenya	1:0 (1:0)	70,000
13. 2.77	Kampala	Uganda v. Zambia	1:0 (0:0)	—
27. 2.77	Ndola	Zambia v. Uganda	4:2 (2:1)	20,000

Third Round

5. 6.77	Conakry	Guinea v. Tunisia	1:0 (0:0)	25,000
19. 6.77	Tunis	Tunisia v. Guinea	3:1 (1:1)	30,248

10. 7.77	Lagos	Nigeria v. Ivory Coast	4:0 (3:0)	29,815
24. 7.77	Bouake	Ivory Coast v. Nigeria	2:2 (1:0)	2,040

15. 7.77	Cairo	Egypt v. Zambia	2:0 (1:0)	—
31. 7.77	Lusaka	Zambia v. Egypt	0:0 (0:0)	30,165

Concluding Matches

25. 9.77	Tunis	Tunisia v. Nigeria	0:0 (0:0)	38,229
8.10.77	Lagos	Nigeria v. Egypt	4:0 (1:0)	—
21.10.77	Cairo	Egypt v. Nigeria	3:1 (2:0)	90,000
12.11.77	Lagos	Nigeria v. Tunisia	0:1 (0:0)	80,000
25.11.77	Cairo	Egypt v. Tunisia	3:2 (1:0)	42,650
11.12.77	Tunis	Tunisia v. Egypt	4:1 (2:0)	120,000

Classification:

1. Tunisia	4	2	1	1	7:4	5
2. Egypt	4	2	0	2	7:11	4
3. Nigeria	4	1	1	2	5:4	3
	12	5	2	5	19:19	12

AMERICA — North and Central and Caribbean (CONCACAF)

Northern Area

24. 9.76	Vancouver	Canada v. USA	1:1 (0:1)	15,543
3.10.76	Los Angeles	USA v. Mexico	0:0 (0:0)	33,000
10.10.76	Vancouver	Canada v. Mexico	1:0 (1:0)	17,939
15.10.76	Puebla	Mexico v. USA	3:0 (2:0)	35,000
20.10.76	Seattle	USA v. Canada	2:0 (2:0)	17,675
27.10.76	Toluca	Mexico v. Canada	0:0 (0:0)	36,719

Classification:

1. Mexico	4	1	2	1	3:1	4
2.-3. Canada	4	1	2	1	2:3	4
USA	4	1	2	1	3:4	4
	12	3	6	3	8:8	12

Play-off:

22.12.76	Port-au-Prince	USA v. Canada	0:3 (0:1)	—

Mexico and Canada qualified for Final Round

Central Area

4. 4.76	Panama City	Panama v. Costa Rica	3:2 (0:1)	3,4
2. 5.76	Panama City	Panama v. El Salvador	1:1 (0:1)	7,3
11. 7.76	San José	Costa Rica v. Panama	3:0 (3:0)	20,3
1. 8.76	San Salvador	El Salvador v. Panama	4:1 (2:0)	35,4
17. 9.76	Panama City	Panama v. Guatemala	3:4 (2:0)	—
26. 9.76	Guatemala City	Guatemala v. Panama	7:0 (3:0)	20,0
1.12.76	San Salvador	El Salvador v. Costa Rica	1:1 (1:0)	—
5.12.76	San José	Costa Rica v. Guatemala	0:0 (0:0)	19,5
8.12.76	Guatemala City	Guatemala v. El Salvador	3:1 (2:1)	30,5
12.12.76	Guatemala City	Guatemala v. Costa Rica	1:1 (0:0)	24,3
15.12.76	San José	Costa Rica v. El Salvador	1:1 (1:0)	16,3
19.12.76	San Salvador	El Salvador v. Guatemala	2:0 (2:0)	—

Classification:

1. Guatemala	6	3	2	1	15:6	
2. El Salvador	6	2	3	1	10:7	
3. Costa Rica	6	1	4	1	8:6	
4. Panama	6	1	1	4	7:21	
	24	7	10	7	40:40	

Extra Preliminary Round

2. 4.76	Santo Domingo	Dom. Republic v. Haiti	0:3 (0:3)	—
17. 4.76	Port-au-Prince	Haiti v. Dom. Republic	3:0 (2:0)	19,4

Haiti qualified for First Round

First Round

4. 7.76	Georgetown	Guyana v. Surinam	2:0 (1:0)	12,0
28. 8.76	Paramaribo	Surinam v. Guyana	3:0 (2:0)	13,5
15. 8.76	Bridgetown	Barbados v. Trinidad/Tobago	2:1 (0:0)	5,9
31. 8.76	Port of Spain	Trinidad/Tobago v. Barbados	1:0 (1:0)	15,9
(3rd match):				
14. 9.76	Port of Spain	Trinidad/Tobago v. Barbados	3:1 (1:1)	4,1

31. 7.76	Aruba	Netherl. Antilles v. Haiti	1:2 (0:2)	5,3
14. 8.76	Port-au-Prince	Haiti v. Netherl. Antilles	7:0 (4:0)	10,4
15. 8.76	Kingston	Jamaica v. Cuba	1:3 (0:1)	13,5
29. 8.76	Havana	Cuba v. Jamaica	2:0 (1:0)	30,0

Second Round

14.11.76	Paramaribo	Surinam v. Trinidad/Tobago	1:1 (1:1)	—
28.11.76	Port of Spain	Trinidad/Tobago v. Surinam	2:2 (1:1)	23,2
(3rd match):				
16.12.76	Cayenne	Trinidad/Tobago v. Surinam	2:3 (0:1)	—
28.11.76	Havana	Cuba v. Haiti	1:1 (1:0)	—
11.12.76	Port-au-Prince	Haiti v. Cuba	1:1 (0:0)	20,0
(3rd match):				
26.12.76	Panama City	Cuba v. Haiti	0:2 (0:0)	—

Final Round

8.10.77	Monterrey	Guatemala v. Surinam	3:2 (2:1)	—
8.10.77	Monterrey	Canada v. El Salvador	1:2 (0:1)	42,0
9.10.77	Mexico City	Mexico v. Haiti	4:1 (1:0)	108,0
12.10.77	Mexico City	Canada v. Surinam	2:1 (1:1)	90,0
12.10.77	Mexico City	Mexico v. El Salvador	3:1 (1:0)	110,0
12.10.77	Monterrey	Guatemala v. Haiti	1:2 (0:2)	13,4
15.10.77	Monterrey	Mexico v. Surinam	8:1 (3:1)	52,0
16.10.77	Mexico City	El Salvador v. Haiti	0:1 (0:1)	—
16.10.77	Mexico City	Canada v. Guatemala	2:1 (2:0)	25,0
19.10.77	Mexico City	Mexico v. Guatemala	2:1 (1:1)	110,0
20.10.77	Monterrey	El Salvador v. Surinam	3:2 (1:0)	—
20.10.77	Monterrey	Canada v. Haiti	1:1 (0:0)	30,0
22.10.77	Monterrey	Mexico v. Canada	3:1 (2:1)	55,0
23.10.77	Mexico City	Guatemala v. El Salvador	2:2 (0:1)	—
23.10.77	Mexico City	Haiti v. Surinam	1:0 (1:0)	—

Classification:

1. Mexico	5	5	0	0	20:5	
2. Haiti	5	3	1	1	6:6	
3. Canada	5	2	1	2	7:8	
4. El Salvador	5	2	1	2	8:9	
5. Guatemala	5	1	1	3	8:10	
6. Surinam	5	0	0	5	6:17	
	30	13	4	13	55:55	

AMERICA SOUTH — CONMEBOL

Group 1 (Brazil, Paraguay, Colombia):

20. 3.77	Bogota	Colombia v. Brazil	0:0 (0:0)	55,43
24. 3.77	Bogota	Colombia v. Paraguay	0:1 (0:1)	—
6. 3.77	Asuncion	Paraguay v. Colombia	1:1 (0:0)	30,15
9. 3.77	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil v. Colombia	6:0 (4:0)	132,75
13. 3.77	Asuncion	Paraguay v. Brazil	0:1 (0:0)	40,49
20. 3.77	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil v. Paraguay	1:1 (1:0)	94,94

Classification:

1. Brazil	4	2	2	0	8:1	
2. Paraguay	4	1	2	1	3:3	
3. Colombia	4	0	2	2	1:8	
	12	3	6	3	12:12	12

Group 2 (Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivia):

9. 3.77	Caracas	Venezuela v. Uruguay	1:1 (0:1)	5,00
27. 2.77	La Paz	Bolivia v. Uruguay	1:0 (0:0)	20,30
6. 3.77	Caracas	Venezuela v. Bolivia	1:3 (0:1)	5,03
13. 3.77	La Paz	Bolivia v. Venezuela	2:0 (2:0)	21,21
17. 3.77	Montevideo	Uruguay v. Venezuela	2:0 (1:0)	4,36
27. 3.77	Montevideo	Uruguay v. Bolivia	2:2 (1:1)	7,47

Classification:								
	1. Bolivia	4	3	1	0	8:3	7
	2. Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5:4	4
	3. Venezuela	4	0	1	3	2:8	1
		12	4	4	4	15:15	12

Group 3 (Chile, Peru, Ecuador):

20. 2.77	Quito	Ecuador v. Peru	1:1 (0:1)	—
27. 2.77	Guayaquil	Ecuador v. Chile	0:1 (0:1)	51,200
6. 3.77	Santiago	Chile v. Peru	1:1 (1:0)	67,983
12. 3.77	Lima	Peru v. Ecuador	4:0 (1:0)	43,319
20. 3.77	Santiago	Chile v. Ecuador	3:0 (2:0)	15,571
26. 3.77	Lima	Peru v. Chile	2:0 (0:0)	63,000

Classification:								
	1. Peru	4	2	2	0	8:2	6
	2. Chile	4	2	1	1	5:3	5
	3. Ecuador	4	0	1	3	1:9	1
		12	4	4	4	14:14	12

Group Winners Tournament

10. 7.77	Cali	Brazil v. Peru	1:0 (0:0)	50,345
14. 7.77	Cali	Brazil v. Bolivia	6:0 (4:0)	38,937
17. 7.77	Cali	Peru v. Bolivia	5:0 (2:0)	32,511

Classification:								
	1. Brazil	2	2	0	0	9:0	4
	2. Peru	2	1	0	1	5:1	2
	3. Bolivia	2	0	0	2	0:13	0
		6	3	0	3	14:14	6

ASIA/OCEANIA

Asia Group 1 (Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka withdrew 13.11.75)

27. 2.77	Singapore	Singapore v. Thailand	2:0 (0:0)	50,445
28. 2.77	Singapore	Hong Kong v. Indonesia	4:1 (0:1)	31,991
1. 3.77	Singapore	Malaysia v. Thailand	6:4 (4:1)	42,460
2. 3.77	Singapore	Hong Kong v. Singapore	2:2 (1:1)	63,049
3. 3.77	Singapore	Indonesia v. Malaysia	0:0 (0:0)	40,852
5. 3.77	Singapore	Thailand v. Hong Kong	1:2 (0:0)	30,106
6. 3.77	Singapore	Singapore v. Malaysia	1:0 (1:0)	60,124
7. 3.77	Singapore	Thailand v. Indonesia	3:2 (3:1)	22,988
8. 3.77	Singapore	Malaysia v. Hong Kong	1:1 (1:1)	48,404
9. 3.77	Singapore	Indonesia v. Singapore	4:0 (3:0)	45,180

Classification:								
	1. Hong Kong	4	2	2	0	9:5	6
	2. Singapore	4	2	1	1	5:5	5
	3. Malaysia	4	1	2	1	7:6	4
	4. Indonesia	4	1	1	2	7:7	3
	5. Thailand	4	1	0	3	8:12	2
		20	7	6	7	36:36	20

Final match:

12. 3.77	Singapore	Singapore v. Hong Kong	0:1 (0:1)	60,248

Asia Group 2 (Israel, Japan, DPR Korea withdrew, Korea Rep.)

27. 2.77	Tel Aviv	Israel v. Korea Rep.	0:0 (0:0)	34,400
6. 3.77	Tel Aviv	Israel v. Japan	2:0 (1:0)	9,300
10. 3.77	Tel Aviv	Japan v. Israel	0:2 (0:1)	7,300
20. 3.77	Seoul	Korea Rep. v. Israel	3:1 (1:0)	—
26. 3.77	Tokyo	Japan v. Korea Rep.	0:0 (0:0)	9,163
3. 4.77	Seoul	Korea Rep. v. Japan	1:0 (0:0)	35,000

Classification:								
	1. Korea Rep.	4	2	2	0	4:1	6
	2. Israel	4	2	1	1	5:3	5
	3. Japan	4	0	1	3	0:5	1
		12	4	4	4	9:9	12

Asia Group 3 (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria withdrew 4.3.77)

12.11.76	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia v. Syria	2:0 (1:0)	19,750
26.11.76	Damascus	Syria v. Saudi Arabia	2:1 (1:1)	4,000
7. 1.77	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia v. Iran	0:3 (0:1)	30,000
28. 1.77	Damascus	Syria v. Iran	0:1 (0:1)	30,000
6. 4.77		Iran v. Syria	2:0 (forfeit) Syria withdrew	
22. 4.77	Shiraz	Iran v. Saudi Arabia	2:0 (1:0)	6,178

Classification:								
	1. Iran	4	4	0	0	8:0	8
	2. Saudi Arabia	4	1	0	3	3:7	2
	3. Syria	4	1	0	3	2:6	2
		12	6	0	6	13:13	12

Asia Group 4 (Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates withdrew 18.1.77)

11. 3.77	Doha	Bahrain v. Kuwait	0:2 (0:2)	4,000
13. 3.77	Doha	Qatar v. Bahrain	2:0 (1:0)	3,000
15. 3.77	Doha	Qatar v. Kuwait	0:2 (0:1)	4,000
17. 3.77	Doha	Bahrain v. Kuwait	1:2 (0:1)	2,000
19. 3.77	Doha	Qatar v. Bahrain	0:3 (0:1)	2,000
21. 3.77	Doha	Qatar v. Kuwait	1:4 (0:3)	2,000

Classification:								
	1. Kuwait	4	4	0	0	10:2	8
	2. Qatar	4	1	0	3	3:9	2
	3. Bahrain	4	1	0	3	4:6	2
		12	6	0	6	17:17	12

OCEANIA

13. 3.77	Fiji	Australia v. China Rep.	3:0 (2:0)	4,000
15. 3.77	Fiji	China Rep. v. Australia	1:2 (1:1)	2,000
20. 3.77	Auckland	New Zealand v. China Rep.	6:0 (4:0)	5,000
23. 3.77	Auckland	China Rep. v. New Zealand	0:6 (0:2)	3,000
27. 3.77	Sydney	Australia v. New Zealand	3:1 (0:1)	12,250
30. 3.77	Auckland	New Zealand v. Australia	1:1 (1:1)	12,000

Classification:								
	1. Australia	4	3	1	0	9:3	7
	2. New Zealand	4	2	1	1	14:4	5
	3. China Rep.	4	0	0	4	1:17	0
		12	5	2	5	24:24	12

Concluding Matches:

19. 6.77	Hong Kong	Hong Kong v. Iran	0:2 (0:1)	28,447
26. 6.77	Hong Kong	Hong Kong v. Korea Rep.	0:1 (0:0)	28,952
3. 7.77	Pusan	Korea Rep. v. Iran	0:0 (0:0)	14,882
10. 7.77	Adelaide	Australia v. Hong Kong	3:0 (1:0)	14,000
14. 8.77	Melbourne	Australia v. Iran	0:1 (0:0)	17,500
27. 8.77	Sydney	Australia v. Korea Rep.	2:1 (0:1)	8,719
2.10.77	Hong Kong	Hong Kong v. Kuwait	1:3 (1:1)	25,000
9.10.77	Seoul	Korea Rep. v. Kuwait	1:0 (0:0)	13,000
16.10.77	Sydney	Australia v. Kuwait	1:2 (0:1)	12,015
23.10.77	Seoul	Korea Rep. v. Australia	0:0 (0:0)	30,000
28.10.77	Tehran	Iran v. Kuwait	1:0 (0:0)	100,000
30.10.77	Hong Kong	Hong Kong v. Australia	2:5 (0:3)	8,000
5.11.77	Kuwait	Kuwait v. Korea Rep.	2:2 (0:1)	—
11.11.77	Tehran	Iran v. Korea Rep.	3:2 (0:1)	88,000
12.11.77	Kuwait	Kuwait v. Hong Kong	4:0 (3:0)	35,000
18.11.77	Tehran	Iran v. Hong Kong	3:0 (3:0)	55,000
19.11.77	Kuwait	Kuwait v. Australia	1:0 (0:0)	30,000
25.11.77	Tehran	Iran v. Australia	1:0 (1:0)	84,000
3.12.77	Kuwait	Kuwait v. Iran	1:2 (1:0)	—
4.12.77	Seoul	Korea Rep. v. Hong Kong	5:2 (2:0)	—

Classification:								
	1. Iran	8	4	2	0	12:3	14
	2. Korea Rep.	8	3	4	1	13:8	10
	3. Kuwait	8	4	1	3	13:8	9
	4. Australia	8	3	1	4	11:8	7
	5. Hong Kong	8	0	0	8	5:26	0
		40	16	8	16	53:53	40

EUROPE

Group 1 (Poland, Portugal, Denmark, Cyprus)

23. 5.76	Limassol	Cyprus v. Denmark	1:6 (1:3)	6,000
15.10.76	Porto	Portugal v. Poland	0:2 (0:0)	40,000
27.10.76	Copenhagen	Denmark v. Cyprus	5:0 (0:0)	30,000
31.10.76	Warsaw	Poland v. Cyprus	5:0 (3:0)	50,000
17.11.76	Lisbon	Portugal v. Denmark	1:0 (0:0)	30,000
5.12.76	Limassol	Cyprus v. Portugal	1:2 (0:1)	7,000
1. 5.77	Copenhagen	Denmark v. Portugal	1:2 (0:1)	48,000
15. 5.77	Limassol	Cyprus v. Poland	1:3 (1:2)	8,000
21. 5.77	Chorzow	Poland v. Denmark	4:1 (2:0)	93,000
9.10.77	Copenhagen	Denmark v. Portugal	3:4 (1:2)	23,300
29.10.77	Chorzow	Poland v. Portugal	1:1 (1:0)	80,000
16.11.77	Lisbon	Portugal v. Cyprus	4:0 (2:0)	13,000

Classification:								
	1. Poland	6	5	1	0	17:4	11
	2. Portugal	6	4	1	1	12:6	9
	3. Denmark	6	2	0	4	14:12	4
	4. Cyprus	6	0	0	6	3:24	0
		24	11	2	11	46:46	24

Group 2 (Italy, England, Finland, Luxembourg)

13. 6.76	Helsinki	Finland v. England	1:4 (1:2)	24,338
22. 9.76	Helsinki	Finland v. Luxembourg	7:1 (3:0)	4,555
13.10.76	London	England v. Finland	3:1 (1:0)	92,000
16.10.76	Luxemburg	Luxemburg v. Italy	1:4 (0:2)	11,700
17.11.76	Rome	Italy v. England	2:0 (1:0)	70,718
30. 3.77	London	England v. Luxemburg	5:0 (1:0)	81,718
26. 5.77	Luxemburg	Luxemburg v. Finland	0:1 (0:0)	1,800
8. 6.77	Helsinki	Finland v. Italy	0:3 (0:1)	17,531
12.10.77	Luxemburg	Luxemburg v. England	0:2 (0:1)	16,821
15.10.77	Turin	Italy v. Finland	6:1 (3:0)	68,000
16.11.77	London	England v. Italy	2:0 (1:0)	90,000
3.12.77	Rome	Italy v. Luxemburg	3:0 (2:0)	75,000

Classification:								
	1. Italy	6	5	0	1	18:4	10
	2. England	6	5	0	1	15:4	10
	3. Finland	6	2	0	4	11:16	4
	4. Luxemburg	6	0	0	6	2:22	0
		24	12	0	12	46:46	24

Group 3 (German DR, Austria, Turkey, Malta)

31.10.76	Izmir	Turkey v. Malta	4:0 (1:0)	56,034
17.11.76	Dresden	German DR v. Turkey	1:1 (1:0)	30,000
5.12.76	Valetta	Malta v. Austria	0:1 (0:0)	7,368
2. 4.77	Valetta	Malta v. German DR	0:1 (0:0)	6,279
17. 4.77	Vienna	Austria v. Turkey	1:0 (1:0)	60,000
30. 4.77	Salzburg	Austria v. Malta	9:0 (5:0)	17,000
24. 9.77	Vienna	Austria v. German DR	1:1 (1:1)	72,000
12.10.77	Leipzig	German DR v. Austria	1:1 (0:1)	65,000
29.10.77	Babelsberg	German DR v. Malta	9:0 (3:0)	23,000
30.10.77	Izmir	Turkey v. Austria	0:1 (0:0)	72,000
16.11.77	Izmir	Turkey v. German DR	1:2 (0:1)	10,000
27.11.77	Valletta	Malta v. Turkey	0:3 (0:2)	2,246

Classification:								
	1. Austria	6	4	2	0	14:2	10
	2. German DR	6	3	3	0	15:4	9
	3. Turkey	6	2	1	3	9:5	5
	4. Malta	6	0	0	6	0:27	0
		24	9	6	9	38:38	24

Group 4 (Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland North, Iceland)

5. 5.76	Reykjavik	Iceland v. Belgium	0:1 (0:0)	8,580
8. 9.76	Reykjavik	Iceland v. Netherlands	0:1 (0:1)	10,210
13.10.76	Rotterdam	Netherlands v. Ireland North	2:2 (0:1)	58,000
10.11.76	Liege	Belgium v. Ireland North	2:0 (1:0)	25,081
26. 3.77	Antwerp	Belgium v. Netherlands	0:2 (0:1)	48,343
11. 5.77	Reykjavik	Iceland v. Ireland North	1:0 (1:0)	10,269
31. 5.77	Nijmegen	Netherlands v. Iceland	4:1 (3:0)	18,200
3. 9.77	Anderlecht	Belgium v. Iceland	4:0 (2:0)	5,807
21. 9.77	Belfast	Ireland North v. Iceland	2:0 (0:0)	16,000
12.10.77	Belfast	Ireland North v. Netherlands	0:1 (0:0)	33,000
26.10.77	Amsterdam	Netherlands v. Belgium	1:0 (1:0)	65,000
16.11.77	Belfast	Ireland North v. Belgium	3:0 (1:0)	8,000

Classification:								
	1. Netherlands	6	5	1	0	11:3	11
	2. Belgium	6	3	0	3	7:6	6
	3. Ireland North	6	2	1	3	7:8	5
	4. Iceland	6	1	0	5	3:12	2
		24	11	2	11	27:27	24

● Continued overleaf

Cronus

The world's finest stopwatch.

Cronus digital stopwatches have now been approved for official timekeeping by sports authorities all over the world.

Organisations from the RAC to the AAA have recognised the accuracy and reliability of Cronus quartz digital stopwatches and their tough yet stylish design.

The entire Cronus range of 9 models is now available throughout the country. Whichever one you choose you can be sure you will be timing to professional standards.

Send in your nominations for the CRONUS-WORLD SOCCER AWARD OF THE MONTH

CRONUS 2D

Sophisticated yet simple. Lap times plus splits, running total and final race time on dual display.
R.R.P. £79.50 Inc. VAT

CRONUS 4

Start/stop stopwatch with time-in/time-out facility.
R.R.P. £37.95 Inc. VAT

CRONUS SINGLE EVENT

Easy to use start/stop race timer.
R.R.P. £27.50 Inc. VAT

All models have low battery indicator/warning device and time to hundredths of a second.

For further details of the Cronus quartz digital stopwatches contact: Bob Burnett at Cronus Timing Ltd., 640 Kirby Street, London EC1N 8TS. 01-242 0891.

Name _____

Address _____

WS2

Distributed and serviced by

ROTARY WATCHES

Previous Winners

1930 — Uruguay
1934 — Italy
1938 — Italy
1950 — Uruguay
1954 — Germany
1958 — Brazil
1962 — Brazil
1966 — England
1970 — Brazil
1974 — Germany

The road to Argentina . . .

the qualifying round results

● *Continued from previous page*

Group 5 (Bulgaria, France, Ireland Rep.)

9.10.76	Sofia	Bulgaria v. France	2:2 (1:2)	45,0
17.11.76	Paris	France v. Ireland Rep.	2:0 (0:0)	43,4
30. 3.77	Dublin	Ireland Rep. v. France	1:0 (1:0)	35,0
1. 6.77	Sofia	Bulgaria v. Ireland Rep.	2:1 (1:0)	35,3
12.10.77	Dublin	Ireland Rep. v. Bulgaria	0:0 (0:0)	25,3
16.11.77	Paris	France v. Bulgaria	3:1 (1:0)	50,6

Classification:

1. France	4	2	1	1	7:4	
2. Bulgaria	4	1	2	1	5:6	
3. Ireland Rep.	4	1	1	2	2:4	
	12	4	4	4	14:14	12

Group 6 (Sweden, Switzerland, Norway)

15. 5.76	Solna	Sweden v. Norway	2:0 (2:0)	27,80
8. 9.76	Oslo	Norway v. Switzerland	1:0 (0:0)	15,00
9.10.76	Basle	Switzerland v. Sweden	1:2 (1:1)	30,00
6. 6.77	Solna	Sweden v. Switzerland	2:1 (0:0)	43,79
7. 9.77	Oslo	Norway v. Sweden	2:1 (1:0)	23,26
30.10.77	Berne	Switzerland v. Norway	1:0 (1:0)	11,09

Classification:

1. Sweden	4	3	0	1	7:4	6
2. Norway	4	2	0	2	3:4	4
3. Switzerland	4	1	0	3	3:5	2
	12	6	0	6	13:13	12

Group 7 (Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Wales)

13.10.76	Prague	Czechoslovakia v. Scotland	2:0 (0:0)	80,000
17.11.76	Glasgow	Scotland v. Wales	1:0 (1:0)	65,000
30. 3.77	Wrexham	Wales v. Czechoslovakia	3:0 (1:0)	18,022
21. 9.77	Hampden Park	Scotland v. Czechoslovakia	3:1 (2:0)	85,000
12.10.77	Liverpool	Wales v. Scotland	0:2 (0:0)	50,850
16.11.77	Prague	Czechoslovakia v. Wales	1:0 (1:0)	20,000

Classification:

1. Scotland	4	3	0	1	6:3	6
2. Czechoslovakia	4	2	0	2	4:6	4
3. Wales	4	1	0	3	3:4	2
	12	6	0	6	13:13	12

Group 8 (Yugoslavia, Spain, Rumania)

13.10.76	Seville	Spain v. Yugoslavia	1:0 (0:0)	19,217
16. 4.77	Bucharest	Rumania v. Spain	1:0 (1:0)	18,500
8. 5.77	Zagreb	Yugoslavia v. Rumania	0:2 (0:2)	40,000
26.10.77	Madrid	Spain v. Rumania	2:0 (0:0)	43,000
13.11.77	Bucharest	Rumania v. Yugoslavia	4:0 (3:0)	35,000
30.11.77	Belgrade	Yugoslavia v. Spain	0:1 (0:0)	—

Classification:

1. Spain	4	3	0	1	4:1	6
2. Rumania	4	2	0	2	7:3	4
3. Yugoslavia	4	1	0	3	6:8	2
	12	6	0	6	17:17	12

Group 9 (USSR, Hungary, Greece)

9.10.76	Athens	Greece v. Hungary	1:1 (0:0)	25,000
24. 4.77	Moscow	USSR v. Greece	2:0 (1:0)	50,000
30. 4.77	Budapest	Hungary v. USSR	2:1 (1:0)	70,000
10. 5.77	Thessaloniki	Greece v. USSR	1:0 (0:0)	32,000
18. 5.77	Tbilisi	USSR v. Hungary	3:0 (2:0)	70,000
28. 5.77	Budapest	Hungary v. Greece	3:0 (2:0)	70,000

Classification:

1. Hungary	4	2	1	1	6:4	5
2. USSR	4	2	0	2	5:3	4
3. Greece	4	1	1	2	2:6	3
	12	5	2	5	13:13	12

EUROPE/SOUTH AMERICA

29.10.77	Budapest	Hungary v. Bolivia	6:0 (5:0)	46,000
30.11.77	La Paz	Bolivia v. Hungary	2:3 (1:2)	—

Qualified for Argentina: Hungary

Tresor — hopes for the future

by PETER BILLS

MARIUS TRESOR wasn't in his liveliest form. Olympique Marseille and French World Cup captain Tresor sat slumped in a poor, dimly lit dressing room at the home of Olympique Nimes after Marseille's 2-1 defeat near the end of the French League season.

Marseille's defeat meant the end of their slim hopes of the French Championship title; striker Boubacar had missed a late penalty that would have given them a draw — and Tresor was tired after a long hard season. The glory of leading France's assault on the World Cup in little more than four weeks time, was a million miles away from Tresor's mind.

Yet friendly, approachable Tresor decided it was best to look on the bright side of life. As Marseille's players ambled off dejectedly towards the stark, basic showers, Tresor held court about Marseille's season — and their hope for the future.

Defeat here was unpredictable, unexpected and disappointing, he thought. We could have won and we lost after all, he said. But the future is not so bad: a wide grin split the face of France's famous coloured defender.

Tresor went on: "It has been a season of re-building for us. We lost some players at the end of last season — players like Nogues who went to Monaco. That meant there were new players in our side, new playing patterns and new styles to adapt to. It has taken time and we have done reasonably well this season."

The honour of leading France in Argentina has meant considerably more to Tresor than it might to many others. He has, too, justified that honour by seasons of highly efficient, skilled defensive work in a Marseille side that has for the last few seasons, struggled to rival the achievements of the sides of the early 1970's. Two French League Championship titles; the coveted 'Double' in France in 1972 and the Cup once more in 1976. But since then, times on barren land — 12th out of 20 teams last year, only just into the top 5 this season. Clearly, room allows improvement.

Tresor rates the current Marseille side as useful — "but we are improving" he says. "The football played by Monaco (the eventual champions) and last year's Champions Nantes, was much more complete than our own game this season. But that is understandable. This side is new as a team and will have learned much from this season.

"Attack is what gave Monaco such a good season. They surprised so many sides away from home by going to their grounds and playing in attack. Sides were so unused to it they did not know what to do and Monaco had an outstanding season. It may not be as easy for them next season but they have had their great season.

Marius Tresor.

"There were really only four top teams in France this year — Monaco, Nantes, Strasbourg and ourselves. Bastia and Nancy had some good results late in the season but generally, the other sides were never playing to the standards of those four teams.

"St. Etienne have had a poor season. They changed the side especially in attack and things have not worked well for them. They had many injuries, too, and the attackers could not do as well as the old ones."

Marseille aim to improve the strength of their overall squad in time for the new season in France. "We must have some new players for the team next year as part of our building up a new side," says Tresor. "But we have most of the players we want and will help us improve as a side.

"Berdoll had a fine season for us with more than 20 goals. And our defence has been generally settled. What we have to do is to find high form for every match through the season. We have suffered sometimes through playing poorly for no reason at all, soon after a fine victory.

"Monaco were the only side that could keep winning their games from home this season. For that reason alone, they deserved the Championship of France.

"In Europe next season, they may discover lack of experience is a big obstacle for them. I am not sure. They have scored many goals but winning in Europe is all because of the experience. Any successful side has players of real experience in European football."

Tresor finished the French League season tired after a particularly long and arduous campaign. "I am very tired before I even think of the World Cup," he said, as we talked long into the night at Nimes. "The World Cup, of course, will lift me back to my peak form and all the **players of France will find the same. But we are very tired and will need the month's rest before the Cup in Argentina.**

"It has, however, been a more interesting season in French football. Last season, Nantes won the Championship by 9 points and it was not exciting because no other side was likely to win. This season, it has been four or five teams in contention until almost the very end of the season. For that reason, it has been an exciting season in France."

Tresor, now 28, will reach a peak of his career within the next three or four years. His value to Marseille is immense; not only on the field of play but also from any transfer Olympique's captain might seek. It is Olympique Marseille's great fortune that Tresor, unlike his World Cup colleague Michel Platini, is unlikely to leave the shores of France.

"Michel, I know, wants to play abroad at some stage," says Tresor. "But I feel it is not for me. I am very happy with Marseille and I enjoy playing in France. The football is good and I want to stay in this country, it is a good place to be. I cannot see myself leaving at any stage."

The continuing development of Olympique Marseille continues next season. And with such a fiercely contested League Championship in France this last season, Marseille clearly are within reach of more trophies in French football. With the deep commitment, great knowledge and playing ability of Tresor to help them, Olympique are likely to be back among those trophies in the very near future.

World Cup 40s

TUNISIA

1 Sassi, Sadok; 15.11.45; Club Africain
2 Ben Aziza, Lamine; 10.11.52; E.S. Sahel
3 Ben Abdallah, Abdelwahed; 8.10.50; CS Sfaxien
4 Gasmi, Khaled; 6.4.53; CA Bizertin
5 Chebil, Kamel; 9.3.54; Club Africain
6 Labidi, Mohsen; 15.1.54; Stade Tunisien
7 Jebali, Anwar; 24.12.56; AS Marsa
8 Kaabi, Ali; 15.11.53; C.O. Transports
9 Naouali Med, Mohamed; 16.6.50; Club Africain
10 Dhouieb, Mokhtar; 23.3.52; CS Sfaxien
11 Elkoure, Ridha; 27.4.53; Stax R. Sports
12 Ghanneschi, Nejib; 12.3.53; Club Africain
13 Dhiab, Tarek; 16.7.54; ES Ariana
14 Ben Rahaiem, Mohamed; 20.3.51; CS Sfaxien
15 Labidi, Khemais; 30.8.50; JS Kairouanaise
16 Chehaib, Othman; 23.12.54; JS Kairouanaise
17 Majeri, Habib; 14.12.51; Club Africain
18 Lakzami, Temime; 1.1.49; Ittihad Jeddah
19 Akid, Mohamed Ali; 9.7.49; CS Sfaxien
20 Ben Aziza, Abderraouf; 23.9.53; ES Sahel
21 Limam, Mohamed Nejib; 12.6.53; Stade Tunisien
22 Hizni, Mokhtar; Louvière (Belgium)
23 Naili, Mokhtar; 3.9.53; Club Africain
24 Moussa, Mohamed Ali; 5.4.54; Club Africain
25 Boushih, Ridha; 24.8.56; Club Africain
26 Karoui, Slah; 11.9.51; ES Sahel
27 Kammoun, Hamed; 27.9.56; ES Sahel
28 Larbaoui, Nabil Lotfi; 6.10.56; ES Tunis
29 Ben Mahmoud, Mohamed; 24.6.57; ES Tunis
30 Boussansour, Mohamed; 12.1.57; CS Sfaxien
31 Baratli, Larbi; 20.12.54; CA Bizertin
32 Kchouk, Mohamed Salah; 23.3.56; CA Bizertin
33 Manai, Ali; 10.1.51; CS Chênois (Switz.)
34 Bassi, Mustapha; 5.3.56; Stax R. Sports
35 Bayari, Hedi; 9.11.56; Club Africain
36 Jebali, Tawfik; 15.11.53; AS Marsa
37 Rargallat, Bechir; 23.12.54; CS Hammam-Lif
38 Jemmali, Bourassi; 15.2.57; US Monastir
39 Rahali, Fethi; 10.7.56; JS Kairouanaise
40 Ben Belri, Naji; 23.1.53; C.O. Transports

SWEDEN

1 Ahlström, Thomas; 17.7.52; IF Elfsborg
2 Ankarbrandson, Peter; 23.3.50; Halmstads BK
3 Andersén, Christer; 22.9.54; IF Elfsborg
4 Andersson, Leif; 4.2.52; IFK Norrköping
5 Andersson, Magnus; 23.4.56; Malmö FF
6 Andersson, Roland; 28.3.50; Malmö FF
7 Andersson, Roy; 2.8.49; Malmö FF
8 Arvidsson, Håkan; 14.4.53; Örebro IF
9 Borg, Hasse; 4.8.53; Eintracht Braunschweig
10 Börjesson, Bo; 1.12.49; IFK Sundsvall
11 Edström, Ralf; 7.10.52; IFK Göteborg
12 Eriksson, Ingemar; 16.11.57; Malmö FF
13 Fredriksson, Eine; 5.3.50; IFK Norrköping
14 Gustavsson, Anders; 22.5.53; Djurgårdens IF
15 Hagberg, Göran; 6.11.47; Örebro IF
16 Hellström, Ronnie; 21.2.49; 1.FC Kaiserslautern
17 Holmgren, Tord; 9.11.57; IFK Göteborg
18 Johansson, Klas; 7.7.56; Hammarby IF
19 Kurtsson, Kent; 25.11.46; IFK Eskilstuna
20 Larsson, Bo; 5.5.44; Malmö FF
21 Larsson, Lennart; 9.7.53; FC Schalke 04
22 Larsson, Tommy; 7.9.51; Malmö FF
23 Lindenth, Anders; 21.3.50; Olympique Marseille
24 Mattsson, Jan; 17.4.51; Bayer Uerdingen
25 Möller, Jan; 17.9.53; Malmö FF
26 Nilsson, Torbjörn; 9.7.54; IFK Göteborg
27 Norén, Olle; 23.11.49; IFK Göteborg
28 Nordqvist, Björn; 6.10.42; IFK Göteborg
29 Ohlsson, Kenneth; 7.9.48; Hammarby IF
30 Ohlsson, Per-Olof; 9.1.54; IFK Norrköping
31 Selander, Hans; 15.3.45; Halmstads BK
32 Sjöberg, Thomas; 6.7.57; Malmö FF
33 Tapper, Bjarne; 10.7.46; Malmö FF
34 Torstensson, Conny; 28.8.49; FC Zürich
35 Wendt, Benny; 4.11.50; 1.FC Kaiserslautern
36 Werner, Mats; 1.6.53; Hammarby IF
37 Wilhelmsson, Gunnar; 4.10.54; Hammarby IF
38 Ahlund, Thom; 17.2.53; Hammarby IF
39 Arman, Renato; 31.1.57; Örebro SK
40 Ålund, Sonny; 29.8.52; AIK

LEAGUE TABLES

SPAIN (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	34	22	3	9	77	40	47
Barcelona	34	16	9	9	49	29	41
Athletic Bilbao	34	16	8	10	62	36	40
Valencia	34	16	7	11	54	33	39
Gijon	34	15	9	10	53	43	39
Atletico Madrid	34	16	4	14	61	52	36
Las Palmas	34	12	11	11	43	41	35
Salamanca	34	14	6	14	37	40	34
Sevilla	34	13	8	13	38	44	34
Real Sociedad	34	12	9	13	52	46	33
Rayo Vallecano	34	12	9	13	50	59	33
Burgos	34	10	11	13	33	47	31
Santander	34	11	9	14	28	45	31
Real Betis	34	11	8	15	51	52	30
Hercules Alicante	34	10	10	14	32	40	30
Espanol Barcelona	34	12	6	16	48	60	30
Elche	34	11	5	18	44	66	27
Cadiz	34	7	8	19	30	69	22

POLAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wisla	30	13	13	4	35	23	39
Slask	30	16	6	8	36	30	38
Lech	30	12	13	5	29	25	37
Legia	30	12	7	11	44	34	31
LKS	30	10	11	9	29	29	31
Odra	30	13	4	13	35	31	30
Arka	30	11	8	11	30	35	30
Stal	30	11	7	12	31	29	29
Zaglebie	30	10	8	12	33	33	28
Pogon	30	11	6	13	36	42	28
Widzew	30	9	10	11	34	40	28
Polonia	30	7	13	10	26	26	27
Ruch	30	9	9	12	33	36	27
Zawisza	30	11	5	14	29	32	27
Szombierki	30	8	11	11	25	35	27
Gornik	30	6	11	13	25	30	23

ITALY (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	15	14	1	46	17	44
Vicenza	30	14	11	5	50	34	39
Torino	30	14	11	5	36	23	39
Milan	30	12	13	5	38	25	37
Inter	30	13	10	7	35	24	36
Napoli	30	8	14	8	35	31	30
Perugia	30	10	10	10	36	35	30
Roma	30	8	12	10	31	34	28
Atalanta	30	6	15	9	28	32	27
Verona	30	6	14	10	25	30	26
Lazio	30	8	10	12	30	38	26
Bologna	30	7	12	11	21	32	26
Fiorentina	30	7	11	12	28	37	25
Genoa	30	5	15	10	23	33	25
Foggia	30	8	9	13	28	43	25
Pescara	30	4	9	17	22	44	17

SCOTLAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	36	24	7	5	76	39	55
Aberdeen	36	22	9	5	68	29	53
Dundee United	36	16	8	12	42	32	40
Hibernian	36	15	7	14	51	43	37
Celtic	36	15	6	15	63	52	36
Motherwell	36	13	7	16	45	52	33
Partick Thistle	36	14	5	17	52	65	33
St. Mirren	36	11	8	17	53	63	30
Ayr United	36	9	6	21	36	68	24
Clydebank	36	6	7	23	21	64	19

WEST GERMANY (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Cologne	34	22	4	8	86	41
Bor. M'gladbach	34	20	8	6	86	44
Hertha BSC	35	15	10	9	59	48
VFB Stuttgart	34	17	5	12	58	40
Fortuna D'seldorf	34	15	9	10	49	38
MSV Duisburg	34	15	7	12	62	59
Eintr. Frankfurt	34	16	4	14	59	52
Kaiserslautern	34	16	4	14	64	63
Schalke 04	34	14	6	14	47	52
Hamburger SV	34	14	6	14	61	67
Borussia Dort	34	14	5	15	57	71
Bayern	34	11	10	13	62	64
E. Braunschweig	34	14	4	16	43	53
VfL Bochum	34	11	9	14	49	51
Werder Bremen	34	13	5	16	48	57
1860 Munich	34	7	8	19	41	60
Saarbrücken	34	6	10	18	39	70
St Pauli	34	6	6	22	44	86

ENGLAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nottingham Forest	42	25	14	3	69	24	6
Liverpool	42	24	9	9	65	34	5
Everton	42	22	11	9	76	45	5
Manchester City	42	20	12	10	74	51	5
Arsenal	42	21	10	11	60	37	5
West Bromwich	42	18	14	10	62	53	5
Coventry	42	18	12	12	75	62	4
Aston Villa	42	18	13	11	57	42	4
Leeds	42	18	10	14	63	53	4
Manchester Utd	42	16	10	16	67	63	4
Birmingham	42	16	9	17	55	60	4
Derby	42	14	13	15	54	59	4
Norwich	42	11	18	13	52	66	4
Middlesbrough	42	12	15	15	42	54	3
Wolverhampton	42	12	12	18	51	64	3
Chelsea	42	11	14	17	46	69	3
Bristol City	42	11	13	18	49	53	3
Ipswich	42	11	13	18	47	61	3
Queens PR	42	9	15	18	47	64	3
West Ham	42	12	8	22	52	69	3
Newcastle	42	6	10	26	42	78	2
Leicester	42	5	12	25	26	70	2

ARGENTINA
Metropolitan First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Union Sta Fe	9	6	2	1	18	9	14
Racing Club	10	6	2	2	18	10	14
River Plate	10	6	2	2	24	17	14
Gimnasia La Plata	10	4	5	1	7	4	13
Boca Juniors	10	5	2	3	10	11	12
Newell's Old Boys	9	3	5	1	15	8	11
Rosario Central	9	3	5	1	9	4	11
Colon Sta Fe	9	4	2	3	17	15	10
Independiente	10	4	2	4	24	17	10
Huracan	10	3	4	3	13	13	10
Quilmes	10	4	2	4	13	16	10
Argentinos Jun	9	4	1	4	16	16	9
Velez Sarsfield	9	2	5	2	8	10	9
Estudiantes Bs A	9	2	4	3	13	18	8
Atlanta	10	3	2	5	18	22	8
Banfield	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
Platense	10	2	4	4	13	21	8
San Lorenzo	9	2	3	4	9	11	7
All Boys	9	2	2	5	6	10	6
Estudiantes La P	10	2	1	7	10	12	5
Chacarita Jun	9	0	3	6	3	14	3

BASS League of Ireland
Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	30	17	10	3	74	25	44
Finn Harps	30	19	4	7	60	38	42
Drogheda Utd	30	15	10	5	53	27	40
Shamrock Rov	30	14	12	4	45	22	40
Waterford	30	16	7	7	46	37	39
Sligo Rov	30	13	8	9	47	31	34
Limerick	30	10	12	8	36	29	32
Athlone Town	30	10	11	9	43	51	31
Cork Alberts	30	11	8	11	36	35	30
St Patrick's A	30	10	7	13	35	35	27
Dundalk	30	9	9	12	43	46	27
Shelbourne	30	6	11	13	32	50	23
Home Farm	30	8	7	13	30	56	23
Cork Celtic	30	6	10	14	34	58	22
Galway Rov	30	3	10	17	16	53	16
Thurles Town	30	1	8	21	22	69	10

FIAT Irish League
Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	22	19	2	1	65	22	40
Glentoran	22	15	4	3	59	24	34
Glenavon	22	13	2	7	39	30	28
Cliftonville	22	10	5	7	34	35	25
Portadown	22	8	5	9	42	34	21
Larne	22	10	1	11	31	31	21
Ards	22	9	3	10	37	41	21
Coleraine	22	8	3	11	34	41	19
Distillery	22	6	4	12	32	59	16
Crusaders	22	6	3	13	24	46	15
Bangor	22	5	4	13	22	35	14
Ballymena Utd	22	4	2	16	22	43	10

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Dresden	23	16	4	3	64	22	36
Magdeburg	23	15	5	3	42	11	35
Dynamo Berlin	23	12	6	5	43	22	30
Lok. Leipzig	23	12	4	7	49	30	28
Carl Zeiss Jena	23	11	5	7	45	30	27
Chemie Halle	23	9	8	6	38	38	26
Wismut Aue	23	8	6	9	22	35	22
Union Berlin	23	8	5	10	20	31	21
Karl-Marx-Stadt	23	6	9	8	29	42	21
Sachsenring Zwic	23	7	7	9	19	34	21
Rot-Weiss Erfurt	23	5	8	10	19	34	18
Chemie Böhlen	23	4	8	11	27	56	16
Vorw. Frankfurt	23	3	9	11	18	30	15
Wismut Gera	23	1	4	18	17	66	6

BELGIUM (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Bruges	34	22	7	5	73	48	51
Anderlecht	34	22	6	6	69	24	50
Standard	34	20	9	5	70	33	49
Lierse SK	34	21	5	8	70	41	47
Beveren-Waas	34	15	10	9	45	29	40
Beerschot	34	12	15	7	59	41	39
RWD Molenbeek	34	15	6	13	55	46	36
Anhwerp	34	13	10	11	44	35	36
Winterslag	34	13	8	13	50	56	34
Beringen	34	13	7	14	38	44	33
Waregem	34	12	8	14	43	48	32
SC Charleroi	34	12	5	17	40	56	29
Lokeren	34	9	10	15	46	46	28
Liege	34	9	10	15	43	48	28
La Louviere	34	9	7	18	29	63	25
Kortrijk	34	6	12	16	35	53	24
CS Bruges	34	4	8	22	24	65	16
Boom	34	4	7	23	31	88	15

AUSTRIA (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria WAC	36	23	10	3	77	34	56
Rapid	36	16	10	10	76	43	42
SWWinnsbruck	36	15	9	12	49	34	39
Sturm Graz	36	13	12	11	51	54	38
VOeEST Linz	36	10	13	13	45	49	33
Grazer AK	36	10	13	13	44	49	33
Vienna	36	12	8	16	34	54	32
Wiener SK/Post	38	8	15	13	47	61	31
Admira/Wacker	36	8	12	16	45	67	28
Linzer ASK	36	9	10	17	35	58	28

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	26	21	4	1	76	20	46
Benfica	26	18	8	0	47	8	44
Braga	26	15	5	6	39	20	35
Sporting	26	15	4	7	56	30	34
Belenenses	26	12	7	7	21	18	31
Guimaraes	26	11	6	9	29	23	28
Boavista	26	9	7	10	29	31	25
Varzim	26	8	7	11	24	32	23
Setubal	26	8	7	11	26	35	23
Academico	26	9	3	14	33	45	21
Estoril	26	6	8	12	20	33	20
Riopele	26	6	8	12	17	38	20
Portimonense	26	6	6	14	26	37	18
Espinho	26	7	4	15	25	46	18
Maritimo	26	6	6	14	19	44	18
Feirense	26	5	2	19	24	51	12

HOLLAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	34	21	11	2	74	21	53
Ajax Amsterdam	34	20	9	5	85	36	49
AZ'67 Alkmaar	34	19	9	6	74	30	47
Twente Enschede	34	18	9	7	61	31	45
Sparta Rotterdam	34	14	12	8	54	33	40
Roda JC Kerkrade	34	12	12	10	41	40	36
Volendam	34	13	8	13	50	58	34
Utrecht	34	11	11	12	40	45	33
Vitesse Arnhem	34	10	13	11	51	62	33
Feyenoord	34	10	12	12	52	47	32
NAC Breda	34	10	11	13	37	51	31
Den Haag	34	11	6	17	45	57	28
Haarlem	34	8	12	14	37	55	28
NEC Nijimegen	34	10	8	16	39	59	28
VV Venlo	34	9	10	15	46	69	28
Go Ahead Deventer	34	11	5	18	49	53	27
Amsterdam	34	9	8	17	41	73	26
Telstar Velsen	34	3	8	23	25	81	14

FRANCE (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaco	38	22	9	7	79	46	53
Nantes	38	21	10	7	60	26	52
Strasbourg	38	19	12	7	70	40	50
Marseille	38	20	7	11	70	41	47
Bastia	38	19	6	13	62	44	44
Nancy	38	17	9	12	63	49	43
St-Etienne	38	18	6	14	50	49	42
Nice	38	17	7	14	72	70	41
Sochaux	38	15	10	13	65	54	40
Laval	38	15	7	16	50	58	37
St-Germain	38	14	8	16	75	66	36
Metz	38	13	9	16	41	57	35
Nimes	38	11	11	16	49	63	33
Valenciennes	38	11	10	17	48	58	32
Reims	38	11	10	17	42	55	32
Bordeaux	38	12	8	18	46	69	32
Lyon	38	12	7	19	56	59	31
Lens	38	12	7	19	56	71	31
Troyes	38	11	9	18	41	69	31
Rouen	38	6	6	26	40	91	18

CHILE
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa	8	8	0	0	17	5	16
Colo Colo	8	6	0	2	25	17	12
Everton	8	5	1	2	23	10	11
Aviacion	8	5	1	2	21	16	11
Lota Schwager	8	4	1	3	14	13	9
O'Higgins	7	4	1	2	16	11	9
Audax Italiano	8	3	3	2	14	10	9
Palestino	5	4	0	1	11	4	8
Universidad Cat	8	3	2	3	15	8	8
Universidad de C	8	2	3	3	11	11	7
Union Espanola	5	3	0	2	10	10	6
Concepcion	7	2	2	3	10	13	5
Huachipato	8	2	1	5	10	14	5
Green Cross	8	1	3	4	15	26	5
Nubiense	8	2	1	5	9	22	5
Santiago Morning	8	1	2	5	12	21	4
Rangers	7	1	0	6	9	24	2
Coquimbo	7	0	1	6	3	13	1

URUGUAY
First Division (after 9 games)

1) Penarol 17 pts; 2) Nacional 16; 3) Sud America, Fenix 10; 5) Danubio, Wanderers 9; 7) Defensor 8; 8) Huracan Buceo 7; 9) Rentistas, Cerro 6; 11) Bella Vista, Liverpool 5.

PERU
Regional Tournament
North Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juan Aurich	10	6	3	1	19	10	15
Union Huaral	10	5	4	1	18	13	14
Deportivo Junin	10	4	6	0	18	10	14
Universitario	10	3	5	2	12	8	11
Athletico Torino	10	3	3	4	13	17	9
Sport Boys	10	2	4	4	12	16	8
Colegio Nac Iquitos	10	1	3	6	6	12	5
Sporting Cristal	10	1	2	7	10	22	4

South Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deportivo Municipal	10	5	4	1	17	10	14
Coronel Bolognesi	10	6	2	2	11	9	14
Defebsir Kuna	10	4	3	3	15	13	11
Alianza Lima	10	3	5	2	15	8	11
Alfonso Ugarte	10	2	6	2	10	11	10
Melgar	10	1	6	3	8	11	8
Leon de Huanuco	10	1	5	4	5	14	7
Athletico Chalaco	10	1	3	6	9	17	5

VENEZUELA
Venezuela Cup
Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia	5	3	2	0	9	1	8
Italia	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Portugues	6	1	4	1	8	4	6
Miranda	5	1	3	1	4	3	5
Universidad de Ort	5	1	1	3	3	9	3
Galicia	6	0	1	5	1	13	1

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universi'd de los An	7	5	1	1	18	7	11
Tachira	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
Estudiantes	5	1	4	0	6	4	6
Athletico Zamora	6	3	0	3	11	11	6
Portuguesa	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Lara	6	0	2	4	5	17	2

(Top two of each group qualify for final round after 10 games)

COLOMBIA
Apertura Championship

1) Nacional, Dep.Cali 20 pts; 3) Bucaramanga, America 19; 5) Independiente-Santa Fe, Millionarios, Union Magdalena 17; 8) Caldas, Quindio, Cucuta 16; 11) Junior Baranquilla 14; 12) Medellin, Tolima 13; 14) Pereira 7.

ECUADOR
A Championship (after 3 games)

1) Nacional 5 pts; 2) Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Quito), Deportivo Cuenca 4; 4) Universidad Catolica (Quito), Deportivo Quito, Tecnico Universitario (Ambato), Emelec (Guayaquil) 3; 8) Deportivo Manta (Manabi), Universidad de Portoviejo(Manabi) 2; 10) Barcelona (Guayaquil).

PARAGUAY
First Division
(after 4 games)

1) Guarani 6 pts; 2) Rubio Nu, Olimpa, Libertad 5; 5) Nacional, Cerro Porteno, Sol de America 4; 8) River Plate 3; 9) Sportivo Luqueno, Tembetary 2.

Classified results

INTER AMERICAN CUP

April 12
(2nd leg)

AMERICA (Mexico) (0) 1 (Kiesse)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0

America: Castrejón, Trujillo, Regis, Sanchez Galindo, Martinez, De La Torre, Garcia, Kiesse, Reinoso, Aceves, Luisinho.

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon, Ribotzi, Suñe, Salinas, Mastrangelo, Veglio, Zenabria.

April 14
(Playoff)

AMERICA (Mexico) (1) 1 (2) (Acevedo, Reynoso)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 1 (Pavón)

America: Castrejón, Trujillo, Sanchez, Galindo, Regis, Martinez, Reynoso, Garcia, Kiesse, De la Torre, Aceves (Estupiñan), Luisinho (Tena).

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon, Ribotzi, Suñe, Salinas, Zenabria (Squeci), Mastrangelo, Pavón (Salguero).

INTERNATIONALS

March 29

ARGENTINA (2) 3 (Gallego, Ortiz, Ardiles)
BULGARIA (1) 1 (Grancharov)

Argentina: Fillol, Pagnanini, Galván, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles (Larrosa), Gallego, Valencia, Houseman (Bertoni), Luque, Ortiz.

Bulgaria: Stoikov, Grancharov, Marev, Iliev (Marcov), Gonev, Tishanski, Kasherov, Manolov, Denev, Jellazkov, Zvetkov.

April 4

PERU 1
BULGARIA 1

April 5

ARGENTINA (2) 2 (Passarella 2)
RUMANIA (0) 0

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia (Villa), Houseman, Luque, Bertoni (Bravo).

Rumania: Raducanu, Cheran, Vigu, Mehedintu, Stamarenu, Rosila, Dobrin (Geordanescu), Boloni, Georgescu, Radulescu (Fanici), Lucescu (Hajnal).

April 19

ARGENTINA (1) 3 (Luque, Ortiz, Villa)
IRISH REPUBLIC (0) 1 (Braddish)

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Villa, Houseman, Luque, Ortiz.

Irish Republic: Patterson, Gregg, Synott, Fullan, McGuinea, Giles, Braddish, Tambling, Clark, Tracy, Hulmes. (Referee: Jose Martinez Bazán, Uruguay).

LIBERTADORES CUP
(South American inter-club-championship)
Group 3

March 22

PALESTINO (Chile) 0
SAO PAULO (Brazil) 1
UNION ESPANOLA (Chile) 1
ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) 1

March 26

PALESTINO (Chile) (0) 4 (Fabbiani 4)
ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (1) 5 (Marcelo, Serginho, Ziza 2, Fuentes o.g.)

Palestino: Araya, Varas, Figueroa, Capodonico (Ayala), Fuentes, Zelada, Dubo, Rojas, Larbal, Fabbiani, Pinto.

At. Mineiro: Leites, Waldir, Marcio, Vantuir, Romero, Danival, Gilton, Marcelo, Serginho (Geraldo), Paulo Isidoro (Ziza).

UNION ESPAÑOLA (Chile) (0) 1 (Peredo)
SAO PAULO (Brazil) (0) 1 (Edu)

Un. Española: Osben, Machuca, Herrera, Gonzalez, Escobar, Palacios, Las Heras, Novello, Neumann (Peredo), Farias, Veliz.

Sao Paulo: Didau, Getulio, Esteban, Sosa, Antenor Viana, Chicao, Neca (Mirandinha), Pereira, Matos, Edu, Ze Sergio.

April 9

ATLETICO MINEIRO (1) 2 (Serginho, Paulo Isidoro)
SAO PAULO (Brazil) (1) 1 (Mirandinha)

At. Mineiro: Leite, Modesto, Marcio, Vantuir, Romero, Brunis, Danival, Serginho, Paulo Isidoro, Marcelo, Ziza.

Sao Paulo: Valdir Perez, Getulio, Estevan, Tecao, Antenor,Chicao, Neca (Deodoro), Pereira, Ze Sergio, Mirandinha, Edu (Viana).

PALESTINO (Chile) (1) 2 (Herrera, Rojas)
UNION ESPAÑOLA (Chile) (1) 3 (Farias 2, Peredo)

April 16

ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (4) 5 (Paulo Isidoro 2, Ziza, Marcelo, Campos)
UNION ESPAÑOLA (Chile) (1) 1 (Carvallo)

At. Mineiro: Leite, Marcio, Eraldo, Vantuir, Romero, Brunis, Danival, Paulo Isidoro, Serginho, Marcelo (Franco), Ziza.

Union Española: Osben, Machuca, Herrera, Gonzalez, Escobar, Palacios (Crespo), Las Heras, Carvallo (Miranda), Farias, Peredo, Veliz.

SAO PAULO (Brazil) (0) 1 (Sergio pen.)
PALESTINO (Chile) (0) 2 (Fabbiani, Pinto)

Sao Paulo: Valdir Perez, Getulio, Estevan, Bezerra, Antenor, Chicao, Pereira (Mirandinha), Neca, Teodoro, Edu (Viana), Ze Sergio.

Palestino: Araya, Varas, Fuentes, Figueroa, Campodonico, Rojas, Dubo, Herrera, Larbal, Fabbiani, Pinto.

April 20

SAO PAULO (Brazil) (0) 1 (Milton)
UNION ESPAÑOLA (Chile) (0) 1 (Teodoro o.g.)
ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (1) 2 (Paulo Isidoro, Campos)
PALESTINO (Chile) 0

Final group 3 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atletico Mineiro (Brazil)	6	4	2	0	16	8	10
Union Española (Chile)	6	1	4	1	7	10	6
Sao Paulo (Brazil)	6	1	3	2	6	7	5
Palestino (Chile)	6	1	1	4	9	12	3

Group 4

April 12

JUNIOR BARANQUILLA (Colombia) 0
DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) 0

April 19

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (2) 4 (Morena 2 (1 pen), Olivera, Paz)
DANUBIO (Uruguay) (0) 2 (Moreira, Rivero)

Peñarol: Fossati, Gonzalez, Olivera, Peruena, Morales, Unanue, Rodriguez, Manero, Ramos, Morena, Paz.

Danubio: Apolinario, Moreira, Pereira, Noble, Luthar, Rivero, Roo, Correa, Sartin, Godoy, Perez.

Group 5
(March 26

ESTUDIANTES (Venezuela) (0) 2 (Scaminacci, Chiazzaro)
CERRO PORTENO (Pagaguay) (1) 3 (Jimenez, Gonzalez, Battagna)

Estudiantes: Briceño, Contreras, Scaminacci, Chiape, Napolotti, Cloquell, Cossu (Salazar), Pellegrini, Campos (Omarioo), Ortiz, Chiazzaro.

Cerro Porteño: Jiménez, Insfrán, Ovelcar, Carmona, Arluch, Gonzalez, Sanabria, Pesso (Freitas), Bataglia, Jimenez, Zarracho (Gonzalez).

PORTUGUESA (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Nuñez)
LIBERTAD (Paraguay) 0

Portuguesa: Vegas, Marin (Salas), Buzzo, Marcenaro, Ochoa, Sopic, Ojeda, Nuñez, Moss, Silva (Peralta), Converti.

Libertad: Baez, Espinola, E. Villalba, Vernal, Villalba, Huerta, Escobar, Colman, Maidonado, M. Morel (C. Espinola), E. Morel (Fleitas).

SHOP WINDOW

Advertisements from bona fide collectors and non-profit making organisations printed FREE of charge.

12-YEAR-OLD Aidan Byrne from Ireland would like to correspond with any soccer fan from anywhere in the world, and to exchange information, magazines, pictures, etc. Aiden Byrne, Tinode, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

SHOOT anything before October 15, 1977. WORLD SOCCER, anything before January, 1978. Must be in good condition. Good prices offered. William Carter Jnr, 35 John Street, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, USA.

WANTED . . . The following programmes in good condition: England v. France '82; France v. England 83; Spain v. England '68; Cyprus v. England '75; and the 1961 EONC Final, Rangers v. Fiorentina. 11 Theobalds Court, 40 Queens Drive, London, N4 2XG.

THE ENGLISH TABLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION organise regular competitions for all Subbuteo players. For your FREE copy of the ETSA handbook and newsletter please send a large s.a.e. to: G. Luke, 1 Goonbell, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0PH.

FINNISH 32-year-old sport journalist wants to correspond with athletics, soccer and other sport interested people from all over the world. Esko Saarinen, Neulastie 4 as. 22, 45200 Kouvola 20, Finland.

I AM A 21-YEAR-OLD Arsenal fan (male) who would like to correspond with soccer fans worldwide. Particularly fans in the following countries and of following teams: Holland, USA, Canada, Spain, USSR, West Germany, Hungary, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Sweden, Australia, Czechoslovakia; Vancouver Whitecaps, New York Cosmos, Minnesota Kicks, Los Angeles Aztecs, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Washington Diplomats, Malmo, Real Madrid, Barcelona, Ajax, PSV Eindhoven, Dynamo Kiev, Moscow Dynamo, Palmeiras, Flamengo, Fluminense, Corinthians, Alianza Lima, Sporting Cristal, Boca Juniors, Peñarol, Colo-Colo. Interested in all sports, music, politics and travel. Speak English only, unfortunately. Steven L. Powell, 73 Brunswick Crescent, New Southgate, London, N11 1EE, United Kingdom.

WANTED: Glasgow Rangers Football programmes, home and away. Will pay reasonable prices. Tommy Elliott, 40 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, EH7 5AH.

INTERNATIONAL CAPS, especially Scottish, Irish and foreign, urgently required. Also other soccer mementoes such as presentation pennants, gold medals, jerseys, 1954 World Cup, British international 'away' and ex-League programmes. Can you help? Write to: Bryan Horsnell, 275 Overdown Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG3 6NX. Tel. (0734) 24446.

JOHN RYAN 19, will be emigrating to USA, he would like to join a college soccer team, details of playing and educational experience, team's and honours available on request. Write to: John Ryan, 104 Warham St, Camberwell, London, SE5, England.

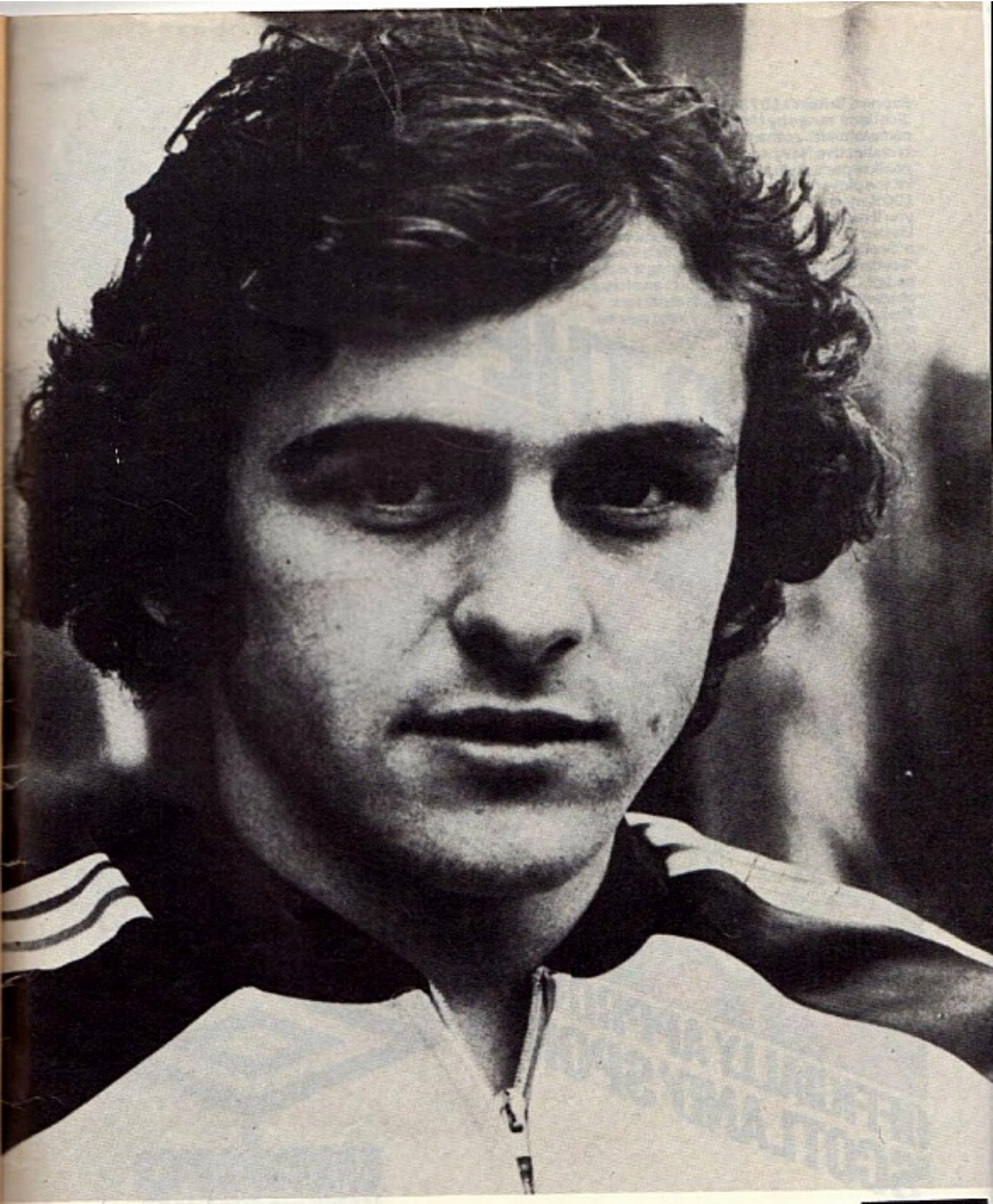
WANTED: "Shoot" dated March 2, 1974 to July 12, 1975. Must be in good condition, will pay 20p each, including postage. Tak-Keung Chan, 6 Block 11, G/F, Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

THOUSANDS OF PROGRAMMES for sale or exchange. QPR programmes 1947-48 to date required. SAE (essential) for lists to: Bill Tilbury, 150 Branksome Hill Road, College Town, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.

URGENTLY WANTED: Southend (1968-69) v King's Lynn, Brentford, Scunthorpe and Aldershot (FAC), all home; Ipswich (1976-77) v Brighton (LC), Stoke, Leeds and Liverpool, all away. Stephen Hall, 45 Windmill Park, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 3RZ.

WANTED: Following 77-78 Arsenal away — Wolves, Norwich, Bristol C, Manchester U, Coventry, Leicester, QPR, Leeds, Liverpool, Derby. Exchange 10 Swedish or any other foreign for each one received. Göran Falk, Selmedalsvagen 30, 126 55 Hagersten, Sweden.

PROGRAMMES FOR SALE: Over 200 pre-1960 Birmingham City (including 57-58 complete) and Aston Villa, plus hundreds of others. SAE to: K. Lund, Shearbridge Green, Bradford University, Bradford, W. Yorks.



MICHEL PLATINI of France

World SOCCER

Support Britain's 1978 World Cup representatives in true blue fashion. Choose sports and leisure wear from the 'Scotland' range by Umbro International. ☐ Officially approved by the Scottish Football Association and complete with authentic embroidered Scottish F.A. badges, there are both long and short sleeved jerseys in distinctive Navy and White 'Home' strip style, a striking Navy-striped 'Away' style jersey and a goalkeeper's style jersey in vivid Amber with Navy stripes. ☐ In design, they're just like the kit the players themselves wear. For long lasting value, they're made in easy-to-care-for 100% nylon. Team them with Umbro's matching 'Scotland' shorts and hose and you'll really be kitted out like one of your heroes. ☐ Besides playing kit, the Umbro 'Scotland' range includes a super-smart zip-up jacket too, plus a 'Scotland' style track suit, a knitted V-necked casual sweater and 'Scotland' sports bags—all featuring the official Scottish F.A. badge. ☐ Umbro 'Scotland' sports and leisure wear is obtainable from leading sports outfitters. There's no mistaking it—every item carries the Umbro diamond trade mark. It's your guarantee of quality and genuine authenticity.

WEAR THE COLOURS

OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE SCOTTISH F.A.
'SCOTLAND' SPORTS & LEISURE WEAR

THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS

umbro ®
INTERNATIONAL